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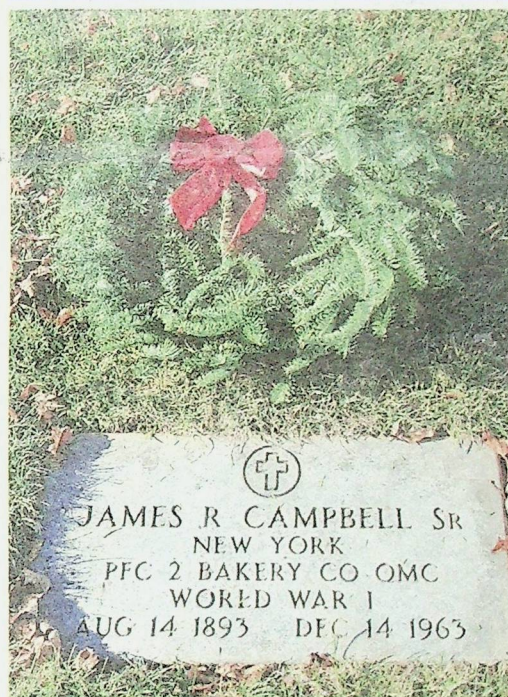
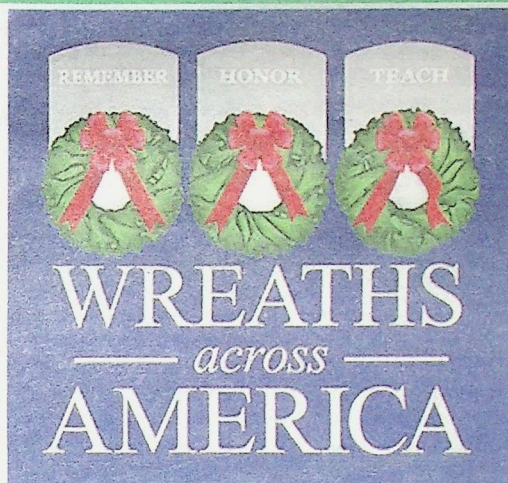
REMEMBERING MOM AND DAD – Robert Noble Jr. places a wreath on the grave of his mother and father, Gloria and Robert Noble Sr., during the recent "Wreaths Across America" day at Mount Wollaston Cemetery. Robert Noble Sr. was an Army veteran of World War II and ex-POW. Both Nobles were longtime community activists. Robert Noble Jr. was the keynote speaker at this year's ceremony. Story on Page 6.

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NAVY PETTY OFFICER Jared Kercell places a wreath honoring those who served and are serving in the Navy.

VOLUNTEERS DECORATED more than 4,000 veterans graves with a holiday wreath including the grave of World War I veteran James Campbell Sr. (right).



MORRISSETTE AMERICAN LEGION Post Past Commander Steve Dunlea, left, presents a wreath to Army Sergeant Edgar Suarez, right, that honored those who are serving and have served in the Army.

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City Councillor-At-Large-Elect:

Campbell Wants To 'Maximize Every Possible Opportunity'

By SCOTT JACKSON

Councillor-elect Scott Campbell said he is excited about Quincy's future and wants to ensure local government is maximizing every possible opportunity for residents.

Campbell, age 52, was elected to one of the three at-large seats on the City Council after running unopposed in November's municipal election. He will take office on Jan. 8 when the new City Council is sworn in.

In a recent interview, Campbell discussed his priorities upon taking office.

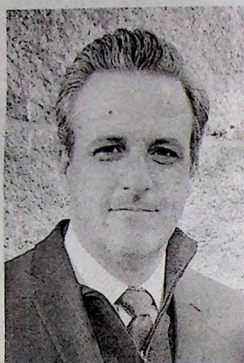
"I love what the future looks like for Quincy and I want to make sure that we're maximizing every possible opportunity," he said.

"I want to try to create a community that has three generations of families that are able to live here and thrive here – grandparents, parents and their children. Four or five generations for that matter that could live here. I think if we use that as a goal, a guide, we'll have a great community and hopefully that's part of the plan going forward."

Campbell said his other priorities include property taxes, "capping them for the seniors, or creating a creative way to keep it so people on fixed incomes can continue to live here, continue to thrive here." He also wants to keep an eye on development, "making sure we're keeping that balance of the old-town feel and the history that makes it so special here."

Campbell is also looking forward to the Quincy 400 initiative – which will commemorate the 400th anniversary of Quincy's settlement in 1625 – because he "love[s] the idea of celebrating this great community." In addition, he said the planned Adams Presidential Library "could be really special."

"I know that's way down the road, probably, but that's something that whether I'm an elected official or not, I plan to stay involved in the



SCOTT CAMPBELL

community and things like that that are transformational type things," he said.

A 1989 graduate of Quincy High School, Campbell said he has tried to stay involved in the community. He began coaching St. John's baseball in 1989 and later coached Presidents Youth Basketball and the Quincy Point Panthers. Among other activities, Campbell helped launch the Quincy/North Quincy Alumni Football Group a decade ago and worked to start Quincy High's Roll Hats initiative.

"In 2013 – actually it was probably earlier than that – but formally we started the North Quincy-Quincy alumni football program," Campbell said. "That kind of took off. We had a football game with all the alumni. We were raising money for each program, split it right down the middle. It brought us all together. And then that morphed into a golf tournament after that for the alumni. We just had our tenth year, so it's been very successful."

"Two years ago, we started the Roll Hats initiative at Quincy High. It's kind of a rallying point, a spirit builder for the school. It's a good chance to kind of get kids involved, parents involved, and rally around."

"North has an advantage with the Yakoo. They've had that for years and Quincy kind of had the hat, the Presidents hat. That's been carried through generations but there was never really anything so we took off on the Crimson Tide, Roll Tide, type thing and started doing the Roll Hats. It's been successful. We've had a very good run of it. This was our second year doing it and kids love it, so it's exciting."

Campbell said he initially considered running for School Committee this year. He instead decided to

run for City Council after Councillor Anne Mahoney announced her campaign for mayor.

"The initial thought was looking at School Committee," Campbell said. "That was my first exploration. I had heard that there was a possibility there was going to be a couple that weren't going to be running, so I looked at that as an opportunity."

"Then, when the at-large opened, it looked like a better opportunity, because I think if you're on the School Committee you can't really have as big of an impact on the city as you can with the City Council."

Campbell, who now works for an estate planning company, previously worked for then state Treasurer Tim Cahill. Campbell said that experience has helped prepare him for being a city councillor.

"I was the chief of staff for Tim Cahill for several years doing constituency affairs stuff from 2003 until 2023, it feels like, because it never stopped. If there was an opportunity to kind of use the resources and relationships I've had throughout the state to help people, that was my goal, to try to be there the way they were for me and my family over the years," Campbell said.

"So the transition into councillor, I think I'm going to use a lot of the information, a lot of the stuff I learned during my time there and apply it here."

When asked if he hopes to serve on the City Council long-term, Campbell said he couldn't predict the future but he has "no further aspirations outside of just being the best at-large councillor" possible.

"It was something I never expected to do in the first place, so I can't really predict what the next steps are," he said. "I can tell you that on Jan. 8 I'm going to be ready to serve as a city councillor and whatever happens from there happens from there."

"I have no further aspirations outside of just being the best at-large councillor I can be. That's really not even reporter speak – that's legit. I really don't have future aspirations in politics. It's a tough business and I've seen it first-hand."

Ward 2 Councillor-Elect:

Seniors, Smart Development Among Ash's Top Priorities

By SCOTT JACKSON

The safety of senior citizens and smart development, including the rehabilitation of the Washington Street corridor, are the top priorities for Ward 2 Councillor-elect Richard Ash.

Ash, 31, an attorney, was elected to the Ward 2 seat on the City Council in the Nov. 7, unseating incumbent Anthony Andronico. The race was a close one, which Ash won by 55 votes. Ash will take his seat on Jan. 8, when all nine members of the City Council are sworn in.

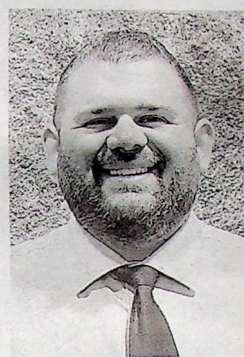
Earlier this year, before he announced his candidacy for the Ward 2 seat, Ash worked to increase security measures at 1000 Southern Artery. He said that experience is part of the reason why he decided to run for the seat.

"One of the reasons why I knew I should run this year is because of the communications with the tenants' organization at 1000 Southern Artery. At the beginning of the year they contacted me due to the lack of security presence or security cameras or surveillance, and I was very happy to help them and happy to accomplish some things i.e. a new security camera system and a new key system that is actually being installed right now as we speak," Ash said in an interview in late November.

"After I was able to help, I thought 'well I got the call and I was able to help them accomplish that,' then now was the time that I felt I needed to run because I was just so passionate about their rights and making sure that they were safe and comfortable in their homes. And, if I was able to accomplish that with the drive and passion that I put into that, that's the same level of commitment that I want to put into the actual seat."

Ash said that smart development is also a top priority of his.

"One of my main goals has been a rehab of the Washington Street corridor and hopefully bringing in some new businesses, cleaning it up," he said. "I'm not talking about new condos on every corner. It's more so new businesses, benches, some more greenspace, and I'm sure there'll be some residential components to that, but really I think Washington Street – at least in my opinion, and I have a biased opinion – is kind of the last



RICHARD ASH

big stretch of Quincy that hasn't been touched in quite a long time."

"The rest of the South Shore comes into the city over the Fore River Bridge and right down Washington Street, so I've always kind of considered that a disadvantage really. It's been like that since I've been a kid, so I would love kind of roll my sleeves up and do whatever I can to rehab that."

Ash said he could help out in the rehabilitation of the Washington Street corridor by reaching out to property owners and businesses.

"It's a matter of contacting businesses. There are a number of older businesses that don't look like they're even really operating anymore. I don't know the complete way to go about it, but it would involve contacting the business owners, the property managers, trying to facilitate some kind of deal or communication or at least clean ups," he said.

Beyond senior safety and smart development, Ash said communication is another key priority of his.

"In addition to my two big umbrellas, the third is really communication. Regular community meetings. There are a host of constituent issues I'm already working on that I've kind of always helped with in the background as president of the civic association – a number of constituent issues whether it's speeding, monitoring streets, repaving potholes, and then regular office hours," he said, stating he plans to hold office hours once a month or more.

Another priority for Ash is the ongoing improvements to Faxon Park. The city plans to add a new picnic pavilion there and may also install bathrooms.

"As far as I know, the plan is for a new pavilion, which I like. I think the discussion was around some bathrooms as well," Ash said.

"If we're going to spend

a lot of money on bathrooms, I just want them to be open. I don't say that to be crass. The new bathrooms at Fore River Field that we have, we only open them for special events and they're very rarely special events at Fore River, if you will. So, if we're going to put bathrooms in I'd love to see kind of the model of the DCR bathrooms on Wollaston Beach where they are at least open say Memorial Day to Labor Day. I don't know the logistics of that but that's something I would certainly have them be for."

Ash said he planned to reach out to the Park Department to review what else may be in store for the park.

"It's on the shortlist, to kind of contact the parks department and see where they're at, see where they are with planning and ordering and if we need to have some more community meetings on that or some more outreach, I'm certainly open and available," he said.

Ash said he would also push for the completion of work at the Fore River Clubhouse. The councillor-elect said he has "some ideas for inside the clubhouse that I can't wait to start feeling out." He said he wanted to have some preliminary conversations about those ideas first before sharing them publicly.

Prior to announcing his candidacy for the Ward 2 seat, Ash had served as the president Ward 2 Civic Association for three years. While Ash was president, the association was able to use state funding to make improvements to beaches and parks within the ward.

"We put that towards a new shade structure at Mound Street Beach, new benches and tables at Mound Street as well as Elm Street, Whiton Park, Avalon Beach and Bradford Street," Ash said.

"As the sitting councillor, I'll be a board member so it's going to be great to kind of continue the trajectory of the event planning we've been doing the last few years," he added.

Ash said he hopes to serve as the Ward 2 councillor for years to come.

"I think it takes a while to get good projects done, so I'm hoping that this is the start of a nice, long career in the seat and to really improve the ward and help out the residents," he said.

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Ward 5 Councillor-Elect:

Minton: Council Seat An Ideal Position To Continue Serving Public

By SCOTT JACKSON

As he prepares to join the City Council, Daniel Minton, a retired lieutenant in the Quincy Police Department, said he believes the Ward 5 seat he was elected to is an ideal position for him to continue helping people and serving the public.

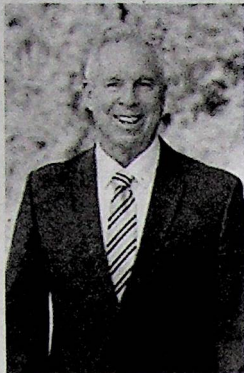
Minton, age 68, ran unopposed for the Ward 5 seat in the Nov. 7 election after the incumbent councillor, Charles Phelan Jr., announced he would not be seeking reelection. Minton will begin his term on the council on Jan. 8.

In a recent interview, Minton said his interest in the Ward 5 seat began in 2020 when he retired from the Quincy Police Department.

"As I was getting ready to retire, we ran into Covid and I had all my programs going and they all fizzled because of Covid – you can't do self-defense and be that close to people," Minton said. "I started to realize that my career was really coming to an end fast and my public involvement, doing proactive programs for the Police Department for the residents of Quincy, was coming to an end also and I said, 'I've got to do something, I need something more than this.'"

"I had talked to Chuck before and I said, 'if you ever think about retiring from the position, I'd definitely be interested,' and he goes 'okay, I'll keep that in mind.'"

"It was just an ideal position to be in. I could continue to help people and serve the public. A little bit different aspect, but it was something I really wanted to do. Chuck approached me in April and told me that he was going off in a different direction, going to enjoy life, and I jumped at the opportunity."



DANIEL MINTON

Minton had served in law enforcement for 40 years, including four years in Concord, N.H., and 36 years in the Quincy Police Department. He was promoted to sergeant in 1992 and to lieutenant in 2005 and was serving as the department's crime prevention officer at the time of his retirement. Minton had to retire from the department after turning 65, the mandatory retirement age for police officers and firefighters in the state; had he not had to retire, Minton said he might still be serving with the department.

"I probably would be," he said. "I love doing what I do. It was all proactive. It wasn't dealing with criminals as much. It was dealing with self-defense, child car seats, early bird basketball programs – that's just to name a few. Just public outreach. And I kind of miss it now, especially at a time where you really need it, but I think Chief Kennedy is going to keep these programs going."

Minton is believed to be the first retired police officer elected to the Quincy City Council. He said his experience in the department should be beneficial to the council.

"Definitely," Minton answered when asked if there was a benefit to having a former police officer on the council. "You can get things

expedited. You have a relationship with Chief Kennedy. The process can be reviewed and ask the right questions and come out to the best conclusion much, much easier. There's a level of trust built in too – I worked there, I had a good reputation – we can work together and get things done."

When asked how he can best serve Ward 5 as a city councillor, Minton said he plans to be proactive.

"Basically, being proactive. Taking care of the needs and concerns of the public and some of them – obviously they're the same throughout the city – is overbuilding and traffic," he said.

"People have come to me with some issues about

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School Committee Member-Elect:

Perdios: 'We Have A Great School System,' Areas Can Be Improved

By SCOTT JACKSON

Set to start a four-year term on the School Committee in January, newly elected member Courtney Perdios said the city's school system is great and she wants to focus on areas that can be improved.

Perdios, age 44, was elected to one of the three School Committee seats up for grabs in the Nov. 7 election, having received the most votes in the six-person field, and will start her new term on Jan. 10. A copyeditor at Boston University's School of Public Health and a fitness instructor, Perdios previously served on the committee in 2021 after being appointed to an open seat.

In a recent interview, Perdios said she believes the city has a great system, and



COURTNEY PERDIOS

she wants to work on areas that can be improved.

"I think it's great," she said of the Quincy Public Schools. "I think it's great. Sometimes people say to me, 'well, if you're running you must think there's something really bad with the school system,' and that's not the case at all."

"I think we have a great

school system. I think we offer a lot of good opportunities for our students. The educators are fantastic. The staff is great. There's lots of opportunities to get involved in sports, in student government, to find different passions in drama and film and carpentry and the trades. I think we offer our students a lot, so I kind of want to find those areas of the district that can be improved and work on that."

Asked about her priorities, Perdios listed five different topics, from repairing relations with the district's teachers and bus drivers to finding a way to bring fifth graders back to the Lincoln-Hancock and Clifford Marshall elementary schools.

"There's a bunch of things I want to work on,

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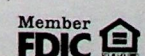
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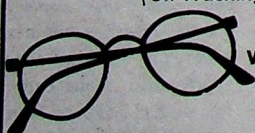


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• On Jan. 16, 1962, filming began on the first James Bond film, "Dr. No," starring Sean Connery as the suave titular spy, in Kingston, Jamaica. While critical reception was mixed, the movie was financially successful and came to be considered one of the series' best installments.

• On Jan. 17, 2000, all 50 states of America celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The federal holiday was signed into law in 1983 and took effect three years later, with New Hampshire becoming the last state to name a holiday after the slain civil rights leader in 1999.

• On Jan. 18, 1986, the song "That's What Friends Are For" by Dionne & Friends, featuring Elton John, Gladys Knight and Stevie Wonder, hit No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100. Released to help support victims of AIDS and increase awareness about the disease, it helped earn \$3 million for the cause.

• On Jan. 19, 1977, President Gerald Ford pardoned Tokyo Rose, a Japanese-American woman whose real name was Iva Toguri, shortly before leaving office. Acting on orders from the Japanese government, Toguri (along with other women) broadcast phony announcements regarding U.S. troop losses in an attempt to undermine the morale of Allied soldiers.

• On Jan. 20, 1863, the four-day Mud March, initiated by Civil War Major General Ambrose Burnside, began. Burnside's aim was to attack Robert E. Lee's army, but winter rains had made the roads nearly impassable and the mission failed.

• On Jan. 21, 1997, Newt Gingrich became the first speaker in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives to be given a formal reprimand for ethics violations after the House voted 395-28 in favor of the measure.

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Minton: Council Seat An Ideal Position To Continue Serving Public

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putting up stop signs to slow people down a little bit. When you really think about it, it's really the cut-through traffic coming off Quincy Shore Drive when it's jammed up - they figure Hancock Street is a better alternative. So we're going to look at some measures there to slow traffic down, keep it safe, especially around schools.

"The thing with overbuilding is that there's a place for high rises and multi-units. My concern is the integrity of neighborhoods. I hate to see a one-family house torn down and you get three to six units in a condo situation. They always say, 'they'll be plenty of parking.' There's never plenty of parking and that jams up the streets, it makes it tough for fire apparatus.

"But the integrity of the neighborhoods is re-

ally important. It depends upon how it is zoned. I've watched a couple of zoning meetings, and there's an issue coming up in my ward already, so that's something we've got to deal with.

"To keep the integrity is so important. I live here and I'm in the ward obviously. I'd be devastated if someone tore down the house next to me and put three to six condo units. That'd be awful."

When asked about the opening of a welcome center at Eastern Nazarene College, which is within Ward 5, Minton said he was concerned the process, not the people the facility serves.

"The big issue to me wasn't the people, it's the process," he said. "Anybody in their right mind, if you an opportunity to come to the United States, would jump at that opportunity, especially from the countries that are coming here. People

were upset because of all the publicity of how many people were here, so it's the process."

A Wollaston resident, Minton said that ENC has always been a great neighbor.

"I've lived in that area forever. Eastern Nazarene has always been a great neighbor," he said. "Letting local residents use their library - I did it while I was in college. When I was a kid, they let you use their gym."

"There's never loud parties. There's never screeching tires. There's never trash. It's just a great neighbor."

When asked about other priorities, Minton said he is interested in expanding the walking trails at Merry-mount Park and rehabilitating Sailors Home Pond.

"There's a couple of projects that I do have an interest in. The mayor had initially talked about put-

ting a bridge going from Pageant to Pine Island. That didn't happen but I'd love to see that. That's a great loop walk around Blacks Creek going from Quincy Shore to Furnace Brook," Minton said.

"You go through Pageant and then come down Fenno Street and there is this one strip that really could be tightened up a little bit from Beechwood Knoll to Quincy Shore Drive, put in some type of walkway."

"The other one is Sailors Home Pond," he added. "That just needs some work. You look at Butler Pond and see what a great job they did on that and how they cleaned it up, but when you have two agitators going on in Sailors Home Pond, all that really does in my opinion is push the stuff down whichever way the wind is blowing. You need to do a major job on that."

Perdios: 'We Have A Great School System,' Areas Can Be Improved

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but probably the top five that I have," she said, are "to work on improving the relationship with our educators and our bus drivers. Understanding that contract negotiations aren't supposed to be sunshine and rainbows, but ensuring our hardworking staff feels heard, valued and respected going into the negotiations and during the process is extremely important.

"Advanced coursework. Making sure we have curriculum options for younger students working above grade level.

"Making sure the DeCristofaro Learning Center is opened with including input from parents and special education teachers. It sounds like that's being included so far...They've been meeting with the SEPAC board and other families with special needs to get their input and suggestions, so I'm glad that's happening, but making sure that that continues.

"Making sure the Squantum School is opened again with including parent and community members' voices and suggestions, making sure it's done well and that the community is not just told what's going to happen, they're actually part of that planning process.

"And then still working on getting our fifth graders

back to Clifford Marshall and Lincoln-Hancock," Perdios continued. "We have eleven elementary schools in Quincy and nine of them have fifth grade and two do not. Every year we're sending 200 10-year-olds off to middle school when their peers in the other nine schools get to stay for another year in that supported, younger elementary school setting. I see it as an equity issue.

"The curriculum is the same for those students in fifth grade in middle school, but so much else is different. They're exposed to more mature things - vaping, fighting, weapons, more widespread cellphones and social media pressures, more mature relationships in middle school. And while the fifth graders are separated - they do their best to separate them - those students still interact in many ways with the older middle school students before and after school, at extracurricular activities, in the hallways, bathrooms and school events. So working on finding a permanent solution that's fair and equitable to those families in those two districts is definitely a high priority for me."

Perdios, who has three children in the Quincy Public Schools, has long been involved in the school system. She is the treasurer of

the Point Webster PTO, secretary of the PTO at Central Middle School and co-vice president of Quincy High School's PAC, and was formerly the co-president of the Clifford Marshall PTO.

"I went to the PTO meetings at Clifford Marshall to learn more about the school where our oldest was going to, and hearing all the things the school had going on and how hard the staff was working, I wanted to hear more about that," Perdios said.

"The PTO was doing a book fair or movie night, I forget which one it was, but I went in and volunteered and when you volunteer you get kind of an inside look at the inner workings of the school...you get to see what makes it special and I really enjoyed seeing all the parts of it. I'm really curious by nature, so finding everything I can about how the schools my kids go to work is kind of what got me to keep coming back."

Perdios said she ran for a seat on the school board this year so that parents would have a voice on the committee.

"The main reason that I chose to get into the race this time was there was no one on the School Committee that had children currently in the school district in Quincy Public Schools," she said. "I just thought that that was so important, mak-

ing sure that the leadership of our school system was connected to the experiences, needs and challenges of our current students, families and our teachers and staff."

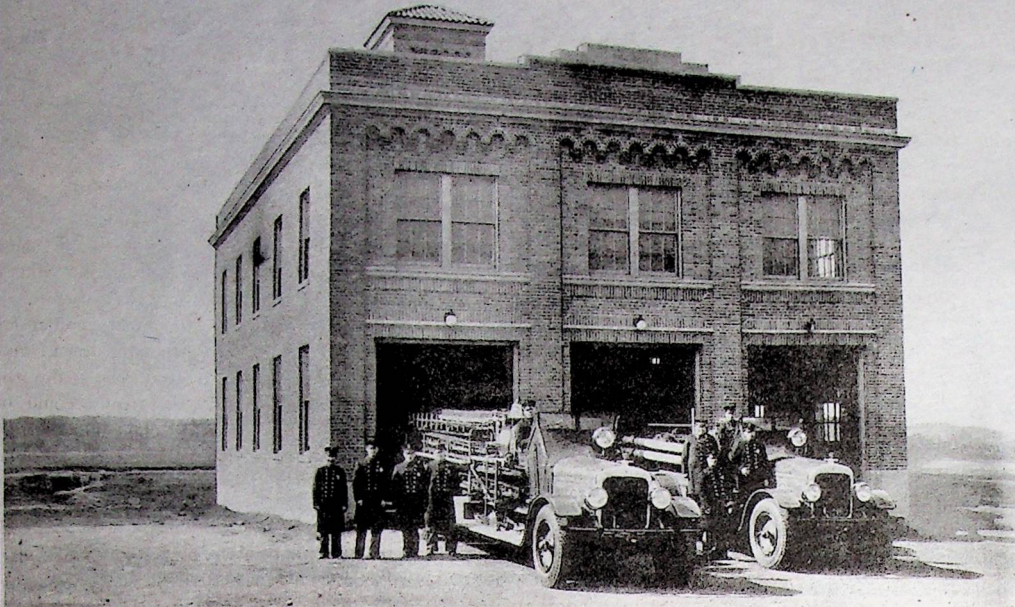
Perdios said she was thrilled with the results of the Nov. 7 election, which saw her poll the most votes in the six-person school committee field.

"We were thrilled with the election results. It was six hard months of campaigning. We had a dynamic team of volunteers and a strong base of support that really helped to get our message out this time, but it was a really tough field and we had three long-time incumbents all rerunning as well as a couple other candidates in the race," she said.

"We just tried to stay true to our message and the main reason for running, which is to be a parent voice on the School Committee, and I think it really resonated at the doors when I pointed out that no one on there had children currently in Quincy Public Schools. People seemed to see and understand the importance of having that parent perspective represented on there.

"I'm just glad we were able to have that support to get the message out more widely this time. I'm just so appreciative of the support that we had and every single vote we got."

Scenes From Yesterday



THIS IS A 1927 postcard view of the old Atlantic fire station when it was first built at 311 Hancock St. across from North Quincy High School. This modern fully-equipped building was set upon pilings driven into the edge of what was known then as the Montclair marshes seen in the background. This was the second Atlantic station; the first was on Newbury Avenue. Because of the rapid growth of this part of the city at the time, the City Council had approved 10 additional firemen, two new fire engines and a new firehouse for this district. Shown

here on opening day were the new Seagrave ladder truck on the left and a new Seagrave pumping engine on the right, along with the men who were stationed here. Over time, unnoticed by anyone, the building's pilings had shifted in the marshes peat. In 1961, after a routine inspection, it was unexpectedly determined that the building was in danger of immediate collapse. It was quickly abandoned and later demolished. The present station was built on the same site in 1963.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

Koch Inauguration, Oath Of Office For City Councillors In Great Hall Jan. 8

By SCOTT JACKSON

Mayor Thomas Koch and all nine members of the City Council will be sworn-in during an inauguration ceremony on Monday, Jan. 8.

The inauguration will take place inside the Great Hall of the McIntyre Government Center (Old City Hall) at 1305 Hancock St. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. that morning.

Koch, age 60, will begin his seventh term overall, and his third four-year term, when he sworn in on Mon-

day. First elected in 2007, Koch is the longest serving Quincy mayor. He begins his 17th year in office Jan. 8.

All nine city councillors will be sworn-in as well that morning, including new Ward 2 Councillor Richard Ash, new Ward 5 Councillor Daniel Minton, and new Councillor at-large Scott Campbell.

Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain is expected to be elected by his colleagues to serve as the next president of the City Council during the Jan.

8 ceremony. Elected to his fifth two-year term in the November municipal election, Cain is one of the three longest-tenured incumbent members of the council along with Councillors at-large Noel DiBona and Nina Liang.

The School Committee will hold its special organizational meeting two days later on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. inside the Codrington Building at 34 Codrington St.

New committee member

Courtney Perdios will be sworn in that evening along with incumbent members Paul Bregoli and Kathryn Hubley, who were both re-elected to their fourth four-year terms in November.

Committee member Tina Cahill is expected to be elected by her peers as the next vice chairperson of the School Committee during the organizational meeting. Cahill was first elected to the committee in 2021 and is in the middle of a four-year term.

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1990
34 Years Ago

Sheets Inaugurated City's 31st Mayor

James Andrew Sheets began his term as Quincy's 31st mayor Jan. 2 pledging his administration will search for solutions to the present economic problems the city faces while improving the quality of life here.

After taking the oath of office from City Clerk John Gillis, Sheets - in a 20-minute inaugural address - acknowledged tough times are ahead mostly because of financial restraints but added through hard work and unity, Quincy will successfully meet the challenges ahead.

Sheets, who succeeded four-term Mayor Francis X. McCauley who chose not to seek a fifth term last fall, announced several courses of action to deal with a projected \$13.5 million deficit in fiscal 1991 and to improve the quality of life here.

Regarding finances, the new mayor said he would:

- Suggest sources of new revenue but was unspecific as to what those sources will be. He also hinted new revenue sources might not be enough and therefore budget cuts may be necessary.

- Issue an executive order freezing the filling of all vacant positions as an additional cost saving measure.

Sheets said he would not recommend a Prop 2 and a half override.

He also said his administration would "isolate" Quincy Hospital and the West Quincy landfill which he called "two additional sources of fiscal difficulty." Last year, the hospital had a \$3.2 million deficit while the city has been court-ordered to pay \$4 million to cap the landfill this year.

Inauguration ceremonies were held at the Quincy Vocational-Technical School Gymnasium. Highlights included Ward 2 Councillor Ted DeCristofaro who was sworn-in as the president of the City Council and two new city councillors who were also sworn in to their first terms: Ward 1 Councillor Peter Kolson and Ward 4 Councillor Tom Fabrizio.

SANTORO: SCHOOLS MUST ADDRESS SOCIAL INADEQUACIES

Frank Santoro, the new vice chairperson of the Quincy School Committee, said cooperation, respect and support from the entire community is needed to meet the educational challenges of the 1990s.

Santoro said public schools in the 1990s must address not only education but also social inadequacies. With Quincy facing a \$13.5 million deficit, he noted the new decade brings great demands on teachers and the school system.

"When looking at the children of 90s, not only are we looking at students who need to learn what we had to but we are also looking at students who need to learn what many of today's families and society never taught them. Schools of the 90s must address not only education but also the social inadequacies and they must do it with budgets that do not stay in step with the problems.

"We would agree that the teacher is the primary source of our children's learning, yet since Proposition 2 and a half, this state has laid off over 13,000 of them."

QUINCYISMS

Veteran radio news announcer **Herb Fontaine** announced he would retire as news editor-director of WJDA in Quincy March 30. Fontaine's radio career spanned 42 years. ... **Sandra Levine** of Quincy, a senior at Northeastern University, won a \$1,000 New England Press Association Scholarship for 1990. ... Catholic Charities-Archdiocese of Boston elected **Peter F. O'Connell** of Quincy to its Board of Trustees for 1990. ... The average price of all property sold in Massachusetts rose to \$183,689 during the third quarter of 1989, an increase of one percent over the average sales price recorded for the same period last year, according to the Massachusetts Association of Realtors. ... **Joanna Vermette** of North Quincy is a member of the Bridgewater State College women's swim team. ... Movies featured at Entertainment Cinemas, Quincy Fair Mall, included "Tango and Cash," "War of the Roses," "We're No Angels," "Christmas Vacation" and "Back to the Future." ... **Fr. Dan O'Connell** of Sacred Heart Parish in North Quincy was hosting one of Boston's newest talk shows, "We've Got To Talk," on Boston Catholic Television, EWTN, Channel 49. ... **Mrs. Rachel Robinson**, widow of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, led a group of Quincy Central Middle School students on a tour of the "Jackie Robinson: An American Journey" exhibit at Boston's International Place. **Mary Schiess** of the Quincy Central Middle School and her group of sixth graders were the first class in the state to see the exhibit. It chronicled the life of baseball hero and civil rights leader Jackie Robinson in commemoration of his entry into Major League Baseball as its first black player.

READERS FORUM

Approving Cannabis Shop A Disservice To South Quincy

The Zoning Board of Appeals did a grave disservice to South Quincy by approving yet another weed (cannabis) shop.

Zoning board members brushed aside neighborhood concerns from residents and Councillor-Elect Richard Ash.

It was obvious from the Dec. 12 meeting that the members had already made up their mind. They enthusiastically approved the store. Despite its proposed location on 503 Quincy Avenue, it will also be in the heart of a residential neighborhood. A school bus will pass this location twice a day every weekday.

Studies have shown that children who live in proximity to a weed shop are more likely to start using at an earlier age and suffer difficulties with their usage.

Martin Aikens, chairman of the board, asserted apropos of nothing that the new store will get less traffic than the Burger King that once stood on the location.

There's a big difference between customers looking for burgers and customers looking to get high. Neigh-

boring towns Braintree and Weymouth have Burger Kings. What they don't have is weed shops because their leaders have decided that any revenue isn't worth the hardships to their communities.

Quincy? Not so smart. Board member Brian

Radell said kids will have to understand what's right and what's wrong. True. And the lesson from this board is that money matters more than their safety or well-being.

Mark Perigard
Quincy

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JULIA WHITE of Quincy places a wreath on a veteran's grave at Mount Wollaston Cemetery. Quincy Sun photos/Tom Gorman



JULIETTE ELLIS, 11, of Quincy, carries wreaths that will be placed on veterans' graves as a Quincy police officer places a wreath at a veterans' grave at Mount Wollaston Cemetery.

Holiday Wreaths Honor Veterans

By TOM GORMAN

More than 4,000 holiday wreaths were placed on veterans' graves in Quincy cemeteries as the city joined the nation in the annual Wreaths Across America Day.

Several hundred volunteers including families, sports teams, youth groups, Boy Scouts, and veterans gathered at Mount Wollaston Cemetery Dec. 16 for a ceremony marking the sixth year Quincy has participated in the nationwide event.

"We come together as a community bound by a shared commitment to honor, remember, and teach," Quincy Veterans Services Director Christine Cugini told the gathering. "Today is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve



CEREMONY KEYNOTE SPEAKER Robert Noble Jr., son of the late World War II Army veteran and ex-POW Robert Noble, tells the gathering that the veterans "buried here never really die, nor do they just fade away; they endure thanks to the presence of countless veterans and citizens who pay homage and honor to their service."

our great nation." Scores of cardboard box-

es filled with fresh evergreen wreaths bearing a red bow dotted the cemetery grounds where the volunteers fanned out placing the wreaths on the graves of each veteran.

"Each wreath laid upon these hallowed grounds is a symbol of gratitude, a small but powerful gesture

that speaks volumes," said Cugini. "These wreaths represent our collective appreciation for the courage and selflessness exhibited by our military members, veterans, and their families. They also serve as a testament to the enduring spirit of those who have gone before us,



QUINCY VETERANS SERVICES Director Christine Cugini said the wreaths placed on veterans' graves "are a lasting symbol of our commitment to remember, honor, and teach, ensuring that the legacy of our heroes endures for generations."

reminding us that their sacrifices will not and should not ever be forgotten."

She added that the wreaths also represent "a tangible expression of our commitment to ensuring that the memory of our fallen heroes lives on. It is a solemn duty to teach the next generation about the principles of freedom, lib-

erty, and justice for which these heroes stood."

Mayor Thomas Koch noted the improvements at Mount Wollaston Cemetery including flagpoles that will soon bear flags representing each military branch that will be illuminated 24/7 and thanked a group of Boy Scouts who placed wreaths

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NAVY VETERAN Robert LaFleur plays Taps at Mount Wollaston Cemetery in memory of all Quincy residents who gave their lives serving in the U.S. military.



HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS including Boy Scouts, veterans, and residents listen to remarks before heading out to place wreaths on veterans' graves at Mount Wollaston Cemetery.



ONE OF THE hundreds of volunteers places a wreath on a veteran's grave at Mount Wollaston Cemetery. Quincy Sun photos/Tom Gorman



VOLUNTEERS PLACE wreaths on veterans' graves at Mount Wollaston Cemetery.

Holiday Wreaths Honor Veterans

Speaker Robert Noble, Jr.: 'Remember, valor never dies.'

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on veterans' graves at Pine Hill Cemetery that is also undergoing renovations.

City Councillor Noel DiBona praised Cugini for bringing Wreaths Across America to Quincy in 2018 where it has since expanded from Mount Wollaston Cemetery to other cemeteries in the city. Cugini, a Desert Storm and Desert Shield Navy veteran, was inspired to bring the event to Quincy after watching a similar ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington, D.C.

"This brings the community together and here in Quincy we continue to remember and honor our veterans who have given so much to us and our freedom," he said.

Guest speaker, Robert Noble Jr., the son of the late World War II Army veteran, ex-Prisoner of War and longtime community activist Robert Noble, noted that the mission of Wreaths Across America is to remember those who have fallen, honor those who have served, and teach the next generations about the value of freedom.

He explained this year's "Serve and Succeed" theme is focused on veterans and military families who have found success through their service and volunteers who succeed by serving in their communities.

"Today, in cemeteries all across the United States, there will be an opportunity to 'serve and succeed' as thousands of people such as yourselves volunteer

to help place these ever-green wreaths on veterans' graves," he said.

As a Quincy High School history teacher whose father, grandfather, and relatives served in conflicts from World War I through the Iraq War, teaching his students about the nation's past was of the utmost importance.

"I wanted students to understand the true meaning of ceremonies such as today's, which honors military veterans, who have served in the US Armed Forces," he said. "Now more than ever, we need to recognize and honor the brave men and women who fought for our country and continue to do so today."

Noble continued:

"Bound by a sense of duty and a willingness to fight for timeless ideals, the servicemen buried here never really die, nor do they just fade away. They endure, thanks to the presence of countless veterans and citizens such as us who pay homage and honor to their service."

He added that a nation's character is gauged by how it treats its veterans.

"Today, I hope we all embody the height of American pride and dignity," said Noble. "Remember, valor never dies."

Military members placed a wreath on stands representing their branch. A separate wreath honoring Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action was also placed.

"May these wreaths we place today serve as beacons



NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Junior ROTC color guard was among the groups participating in Wreaths Across America Day in Quincy.



ATTENDEES PAUSE during the playing of Taps at Mount Wollaston Cemetery.

of light in the darkness, illuminating the path of remembrance and gratitude," said Cugini. "Let us carry the spirit, this loyalty, this support of National Wreaths Across America Day with us throughout the year, pledging to honor and sup-

port our veterans and active-duty military members."

Wreaths Across America began in 1992 when Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, had a surplus of Christmas wreaths as Christmas Day

approached. He decided to honor the country's veterans by placing the wreaths at the older sections of Arlington National Cemetery where few people visited.

A 2005 picture of the wreaths sticking out of the snow-covered cemetery cir-

cled on the internet went viral and gained national attention, prompting local communities across the country to hold similar ceremonies each December. The event has grown each year since to include ceremonies at sea and abroad.

467 Students On Atlantic Middle School Honor Roll

Four hundred sixty-seven students are listed on the first term honor roll at Atlantic Middle School.

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WHAT'S COOKING

with
Marie & Suzie

By MARIE D'OLIMPIO and SUZIE FALCO



Delicious Homemade Brownie Recipe

By MARIE

My niece, Ann, offered to bring brownies to an event, went to the kitchen cabinet and found there was not a brownie mix in sight. Pressed for time, she searched the internet and found this amazing scratch brownie recipe. The results were great and everyone thought they were delicious.

If you would like to make them even more decadent, they can be frosted with buttercream frosting. If you would like to enhance the basic recipe you can add any one of the following: a cup of chocolate bits, or a cup of butterscotch chips or a cup of white chocolate bits or one cup of walnuts.

Any way that you choose to make these brownies, plain or enhanced, they are delicious and simple to make.

Ingredients and Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a 9 x 13 pan by greasing well.

1 and 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups of sugar
1 cup of butter melted (two sticks)
4 eggs, well beaten
1/2 cup cocoa powder (we used Hershey's)
1 teaspoon of vanilla
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

In a large bowl, combine all dry ingredients and mix well.

Then add melted butter and vanilla and mix until batter is smoother.

Pour batter into greased 9 x 13 pan and bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Wait until brownies are cooled and then cut into squares.

Artichoke Heart And Pea Risotto

By SUZIE

Risotto makes a wonderful and savory winter meal when paired up with some warm greens, or a piece of fish or chicken. This makes a great company dish because you can make it and cover it while preparing other things, not having to worry about it drying out. Add a little broth if need be when reheating.

I love making this and normally serve it with baked chicken thighs, and nice winter salad made with beets, goat cheese and arugula.

ARTICHOKE HEART AND PEA RISOTTO

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 9 ounce package of frozen artichoke hearts, cut into bite sized wedges
1 tablespoon Irish butter (Kerrygold is my favorite)
2 small shallots, minced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup Arborio rice
1 teaspoon sea salt
1/2 cup unsweetened applejuice, room temperature (in lieu of wine)
4 cups organic chicken broth

1/2 cup frozen peas
1/2 cup grated pecorino romano cheese
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
1/4 tsp black pepper
juice from 1/2 lemon or so

Heat about 2 tablespoons oil in a medium sauce pan over high heat. Add the artichoke hearts and reduce heat to medium high. Cook about 10 minutes, remove from pan and set aside.

Heat remaining oil and butter in pan and add shallots, cooking about 3 minutes. Add garlic and rice and salt. Stir with wooden spoon until sizzling. Add the apple juice and cook until almost completely absorbed, about 4 minutes or so, stirring. Now begin to add broth, 1 cup at a time, stirring frequently before additions. Continue cup by cup until the rice is cooked "al dente" and you have a creamy risotto, about 25 minutes in all.

If too dry, add a bit more broth. Stir in peas, cheese, seasonings and herbs at this point. Then gently toss in artichoke hearts and lemon juice. Serve. Enjoy!

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Social Security Matters If My Wife Claims Now, Will It Hurt My Social Security Amount?

By RUSSELL GLOOR

National Social Security Advisor

at the AMAC Foundation, The Non-Profit Arm
of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I am 69 years old, and my wife turned 70 early this year. I am still working full time. My wife is not working, but she got a letter from Social Security saying she should take her Social Security as soon as possible.

My question is: since my wife has reached her full retirement age, can she take her SS without it affecting mine when I claim? I plan to work at least another year, depending on how the economy goes (I may have to work longer if it doesn't get better). I have IRAs and a 401k to pull from when I retire. **Signed: Anxious Husband**

Dear Anxious: The reason your wife received a letter from Social Security (SS) suggesting she claims now is because her benefit reached maximum some time ago at age 70. Thus, there is no reason for her to wait beyond age 70 to claim. By delaying past age 70 your wife is losing money so she should apply as soon as possible. I suggest your wife call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (or your local office) right away to request an appointment to apply for her benefits and she should be sure to request six months of retroactive payments (SS will pay up to 6 months retroactively). If your wife has a "my Social Security" online account, she can also apply online at www.ssa.gov/apply, but she should be sure to request six months of retroactive benefits in the "Remarks" section of the online application. Because your wife is more than six months past age 70, getting 6 months retroactive benefits will not reduce her age 70 benefit amount. Nor will your wife claiming her benefits now negatively affect your Social Security when you later claim.

Even though you plan to continue working, likely beyond 70 years of age yourself, you should not wait beyond age 70 to claim for the same reason - your benefit will reach maximum when you are 70. You can apply for your benefits up to 4 months in advance, and specify you want benefits to start in the month you turn 70. If you haven't already done so, you may wish to create your own "my Social Security" online account now at www.ssa.gov/myaccount, which will make it easier for you to apply online at www.ssa.gov/apply when the time comes next year. Applying online is, by far, the most efficient way, but you need to have your online account set up first to do so.

Just so you know, there is no need to worry that you won't get credit for work income earned after you have applied for your benefits. Even after you are collecting benefits, Social Security will automatically review your earnings each year when that info is received from the IRS (after you file your income tax return). If your most recent earnings are higher than those in any of the 35 years of lifetime earnings used to calculate your benefit when you claim, Social Security will automatically increase your monthly payment amount. In other words, you shouldn't delay past age 70 to claim Social Security because you're working - you'll still get credit for those earnings, automatically.

So, I suggest that your wife take fast action to apply for her Social Security benefits to avoid losing any more money, and that you plan to apply for your benefits to start when you turn 70. There is no financial advantage to waiting beyond age 70 to claim, even if you continue working.

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Movie Review: 'Aquaman And The Lost Kingdom'

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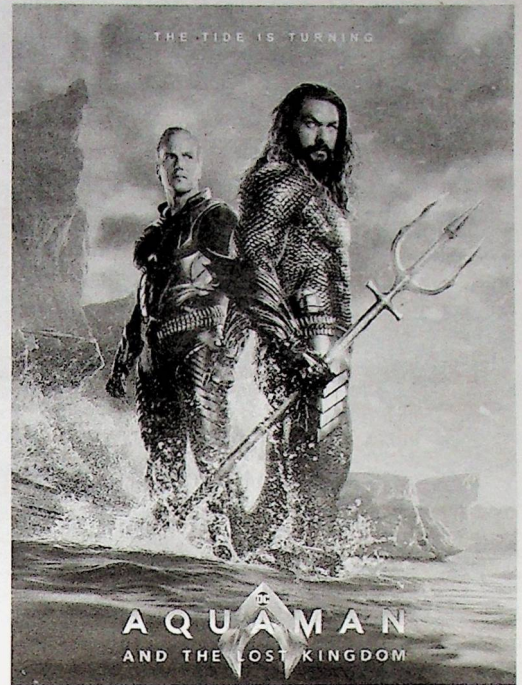
The year 2023 has not been good for the DC Extended Universe. The year will end without "The Flash" as one of the top 20 highest money-earners at the domestic box office. "Blue Beetle" will finish out of the top 30, "Shazam! Fury of the Gods" out of the top 40. Newest offering "Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom" will probably fare a little better since it's been positioned as the big Christmas weekend release, but it can finish out of the top 50 for all I care because this movie is terrible.

Since we last saw Arthur Curry aka Aquaman (Jason Momoa), he's settled into two new roles in his life. On land, he and his wife Mera (Amber Heard) have welcomed a son, which they raise alongside his parents (Nicole Kidman and Temuera Morrison). Underwater, he is now fully king of Atlantis. He likes being a father much more than being a king, but duty calls ever since he banished his brother Orm (Patrick Wilson) to a prison in the desert. His nemesis Manta (Yahya Abdul-Mateen II), has gone through some changes too, now employing a research team to help break him into Atlantis so he can avenge his late father. I have no idea how he affords his staff, his facilities, or his gadgets. I know piracy pays well, but does it pay that well?

With the help of Dr. Stephen Shin (Randall Park), Manta stumbles across ancient Atlantean technology in the form of the Black Trident, which allows the holder to wield incredible power, but also corrupts their soul. Manta was already pretty corrupt, but with the trident, he starts wreaking havoc on the entire world. It's up to Aquaman to stop him, and he has to do so by breaking Orm out of prison. Neither brother is thrilled to be working with the other, but the only way to defeat Manta is together.

The movie is at its best when it lets Momoa and Wilson carry the scene. The actors are charismatic and play off each other well. The banter they're given isn't always funny, but it's easy to see where they have the potential to be funny. Also, and I know a lot of people are going to disagree with me on this, but I liked a gag where Arthur learns that his brother has never tried surface food and shares with him a certain "delicacy."

The movie is at its worst at all other times. The redemption arc for Dr. Shin is painfully drawn-out and he ultimately does so little that his good-guy status at the end feels unearned. The CGI creatures are unconvincing and unpleasant-looking. Worst of all, the underwater action sequences are murky and hard to follow. I could never keep track of who was



alive and who was dead until they reemerged in follow-up scenes. It's not quite as bad as the action in "Meg 2: The Trench," but I'm sure that movie was hampered by a limited budget, whereas this one had much more resources and still looks like a mess.

"Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom" is a throwaway DCEU movie at a time when the franchise can't afford to throw anything away. As much as I like Momoa and Wilson, I can't recommend putting them in another standalone movie anytime soon, not until this

arm of the franchise can be completely straightened out. The only way I see these characters working again is if they're part of a bigger team-up with more DC heroes, but even that's looking increasingly unlikely with every character bombing lately. This movie is the best argument yet for why this version of the DCEU in its entirety should just be cut adrift.

Grade: C-

"Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom" is rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence and some language. Its running time is 124 minutes.

Winter Wellness Book Club At Crane Library Begins Jan. 9

The Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy, will host its first Winter Wellness Book Club meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 7 to 8 p.m.

The Winter Wellness Book Club is a limited-time book discussion group that will run from January to March, 2024. This book club is specially curated to embrace the winter season and promote well-being. Participants will meet on the second Tuesday of each

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• Jan. 9 - "Badass Habits: Cultivate the Awareness, Boundaries, and Daily Upgrades You Need to Make Them Stick" by Jen Sincero.

Badass Habits is a eureka-sparking, easy-to-digest look at how habits make us who we are, from the measly moments that happen in private to the resolutions we loudly broadcast on social media.

• Feb. 13 - "Rest is Resistance: A Manifesto" by Tricia

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In this book, Tricia Hersey encourages us to connect to the liberating power of rest, daydreaming, and naps as a foundation for healing and justice. Hersey casts an illuminating light on our troubled relationship with rest and how to imagine and dream our way to a future where rest is exalted. Our worth does not reside in how much we produce. We are enough.

• March 12 - "Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone" by Brené Brown.

In "Braving the Wilderness," Brown redefines what it means to truly belong in an age of increased polarization. Brown argues that we're experiencing a spiritual crisis of disconnection, and introduces four practices of true belonging.

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"It's a privilege for the HarborOne Foundation to support the critical work of local nonprofits and community leaders," said Jennifer White, Vice President Community Relations, HarborOne Bank and President, HarborOne Foundation. "The Foundation's efforts are centered on investing in programs that are having a transformative impact on

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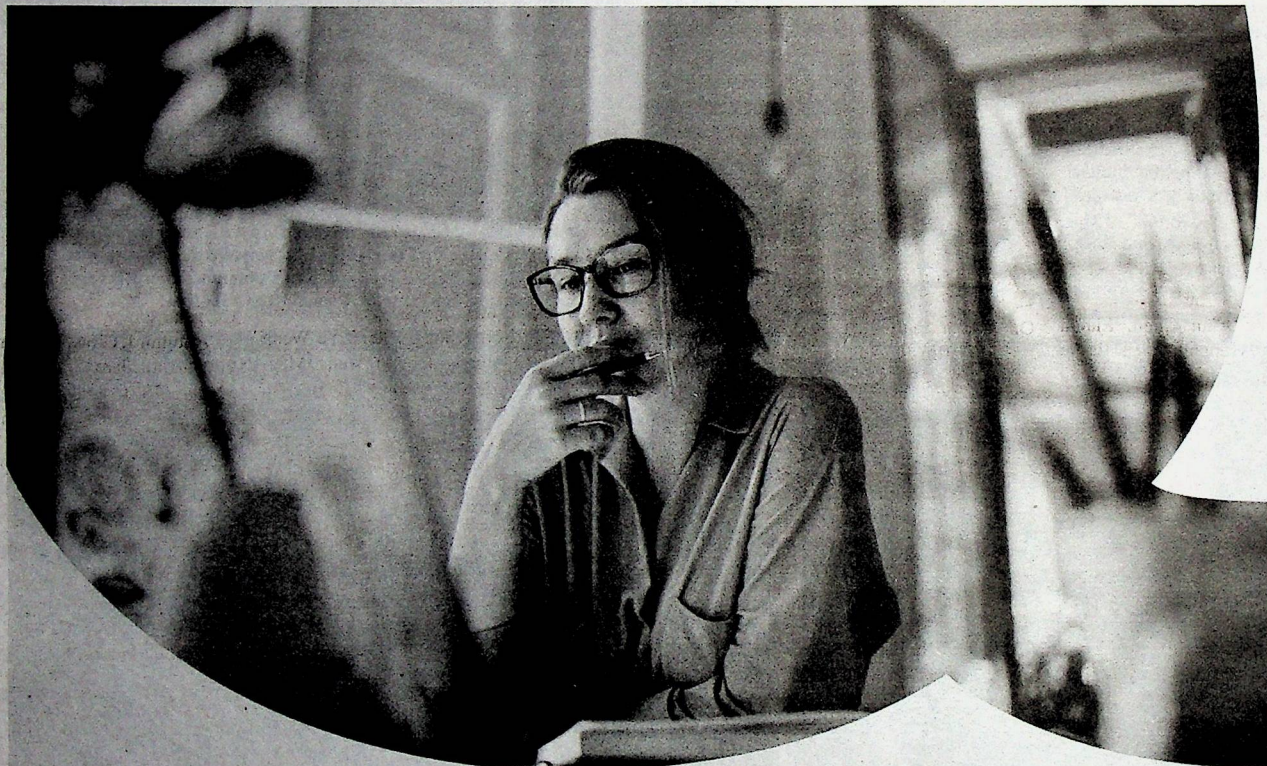
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Community Leader Kettle Raises \$29,079 For Salvation Army

27-Year Total Now \$162,034; Money Benefits Needy In Local Community



THE 27TH ANNUAL Community Leader Kettle raised \$29,079.45 for the Quincy Salvation Army in November. The kettle was established by the late Henry W. Bosworth, founder of The Quincy Sun, in 1997. Mr. Bosworth coordinated the kettle for 12 years before passing away in February, 2009. His son, Robert Bosworth, now publisher of The Quincy Sun, has coordinated the kettle for the past 15 years. In 27 years, the community leader kettle has raised \$162,034 for the Quincy Salvation Army. More than 50 community leaders manned this year's kettle that was set up Nov. 21 and Nov. 29 at the Hancock-Adams Common. Shown here are Mayor Tom Koch and Dan Quirk, CEO, Quirk Auto Dealers.

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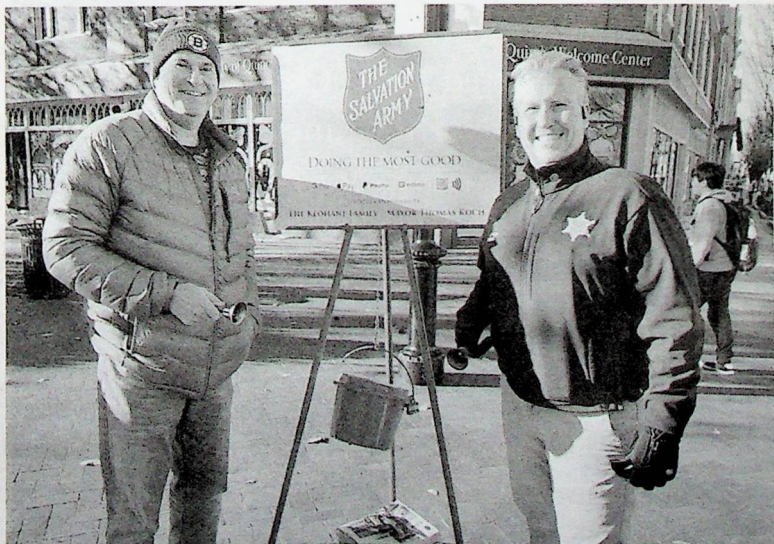
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QUINCY SUN Publisher Robert Bosworth, Salvation Army Advisory Board (left) and Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott (right).



NORTH QUINCY junior Shea Winters moves the puck up ice in the third period. Quincy Sun Photos/Larry Carchedi



QUINCY AND NORTH QUINCY boys' hockey match up at Quincy Youth Arena Dec. 26 was a very physical and energetic game. Here North Quincy senior Christopher Morgan and Quincy captain Jack Dunn collide at center ice in the first period.

Raiders Rally For 4-2 Win Over Presidents

By TOM JOYCE

Call it a comeback for the North Quincy High boys' hockey team.

The Raiders trailed 2-1 at the start of the third period against the Quincy Presidents in the opening round of the Holiday Hockey Tournament at Quincy Youth Hockey Arena Dec. 26. However, North's of-

fense exploded for three unanswered goals in the final 15 minutes of the game to pick up a 4-2 victory over the Presidents.

The Raiders could not continue their momentum in the tournament championship game bowing to Milton 5-2 on Dec. 28. Quincy also bowed in the consolation game to King Philip Re-

gional High School by an 8-0 score.

North Quincy (3-3 record) plays their next game Saturday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. against Plymouth South at Quincy Youth Arena.

Quincy (1-4) played Saint John Paul II in Hyannis Dec. 30 after the Sun went to press. The Presi-

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QUINCY GOALTENDER Nathaniel Hall makes a glove save in the second period.



AS QUINCY defenseman Will Curtin defends near the Presidents' net, North Quincy freshman, Max Lamonica lines up a backhand shot. Lamonica scored the Raiders' first goal of the game in the first three minutes.

Mass of Blessing for the City of Quincy

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QUINCY CAPTAIN Joseph MacNeil skates the puck up ice in the third period against North Quincy. MacNeil scored for the Presidents in the first period tying the game 1-1.



WITH NORTH QUINCY forward Michael Silverman in pursuit, Quincy's Joseph Curtin quickly moves the puck up ice in the second period. Quincy Sun Photos/Larry Carchedi

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dents host Marshfield Jan. 3 at 6 p.m. at Quincy Youth Arena.

The North Quincy-Quincy hockey game was an entertaining and exciting game for fans of both schools at the Youth Arena.

Although the Raiders struck first in this one, it wouldn't take the Presidents too long to respond.

Max Lamonica netted the first goal of the game. He took a wrist shot as he skated down the ice and put the puck past the opposing goaltender. His goal gave the Raiders a 1-0 edge with 12:02 remaining in the first period.

Less than five minutes later, the Presidents tied the game at one apiece. Captain Joseph MacNeil took a slap shot on the left side of the ice and found an opening in the back right of the Raid-

ers' net. His goal came with 7:06 left in the first.

Then, the Presidents took the lead early in the second period — a lead they held for about 17 minutes of play.

With 12:24 remaining in the second period, Ethan Johnston added a goal for the Presidents, making it a 2-1 game. It was the only goal scored by either side in the second period, so the Presidents went into the final frame with the lead.

However, that lead wouldn't last, as the Raiders scored three unanswered goals in the first 10 minutes of the final period. In this stretch, the team tied the game, took the lead, and gave itself an insurance goal.

Christopher Morgan tied the game at two apiece with a goal about five minutes into the third period, assisted by Joseph D'Antona.

He scored his goal while standing in front of the Presidents' net.

Less than a minute later, Michael Campbell gave the Raiders the lead. He pushed the puck into the right side of the opposing net, giving his team a 3-2 advantage.

Then, with 5:29 remaining, the Raiders scored again — on a power play this time. Joe Enos netted a second-chance goal after finding a deflected puck following a shot from captain Finn Meaney.

The Raiders have a mix of youth and experience on their roster this season, with seven seniors on the team.

The roster for the Raiders this season includes: sophomore defenseman Joseph D'Antona, junior defenseman Ian Ronan, junior forward Michael Silverman, junior forward Thomas Walsh, senior forward Mi-

chael Campbell, junior forward Collin McGrail, junior defenseman Brian Buckley, freshman forward Max Lamonica, junior forward Shea Winters, sophomore forward Roan Perry, sophomore defenseman Luke Hurley, junior forward Kevin Gillespie, senior forward and captain Charles McGrail, senior forward Joe Enos, sophomore defenseman Cam Leiman, senior forward/defenseman Christopher Morgan, sophomore forward Michael Cavicchi, senior forward and captain Finn Meaney, junior defenseman Cole Hussy, senior forward Matt Bowes, senior goaltender Aidan McGuin-

ness, and junior goaltender Elliot Coulter. The team's head coach is Matt Gibbons.

The Presidents have a relatively small roster this season, with 17 players listed. However, they have a mix of youth and experience, with six seniors on the team. The roster for the Presidents this season includes: senior captain and forward Teddy Lynch, junior forward David Mellyn, junior forward and captain Anthony Tibbetts, senior forward Sam Schaaf, junior forward Coleman Quigley, junior forward Ian Manning-Harvey, freshman forward Chris Sheehy, junior forward Ethan Johnston,

senior forward Will Curtin, sophomore forward Travis Garrett, junior forward Joseph Curtin, freshman defenseman Andrew Griffin, senior defenseman Liam Foley, senior forward and captain Jack Dunn, sophomore forward and captain Joseph MacNeil, senior goalie Nathaniel Hall, and sophomore goalie Brayden O'Connell. The team's head coach is Ted Walsh Jr.

The Quincy-North Quincy game was the first of two match-ups between these two teams this season. They will also play one another Feb. 17 at the Quincy Youth Arena (6:30 p.m. start time).



NORTH'S CHRISTOPHER MORGAN and Quincy's Joseph Curtin battle for puck possession in the third period. Morgan scored the Raiders' second goal in the third period. North's Michael Campbell and Joe Enos scored the third and fourth goals for the Raiders in a 4-2 win over Quincy.



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Worship Service, Holy Communion At Quincy Point Church

Quincy Point Congregational Church, 444 Washington St., Quincy, invites the public to the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Jan. 7 to commemorate the Baptism of Christ and celebrate Holy Communion.

The QPCC building is fully accessible through the Abbey Road entrance. Accessible parking, an elevator, and an "All Access" restroom are available. After the service, gather in the Social Hall downstairs for light refreshments and conversations.

If attending in person is not feasible, you can still participate in the worship service by tuning in to the live stream at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Don't forget to bring your bread and juice to your viewing station on Jan. 7. Past live streams are accessible on the church website (quincypoint-cong.org) and on the church's Facebook, Vimeo, and YouTube pages.

You are invited to a zoom book study on Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. starting Wednesday, Jan. 10 through Feb. 7. The book is "The Art of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living or How to be Consciously Cozy."

"Pronounced 'Hoo-Gah,' Hygge is the art, attitude, and practice leading toward living a more settled, content, compassionate, and happy life," said Rev. Kimberly Murphy. "Hygge is an embodiment of the simple, well-lived and well-loved life Jesus wants for us.

"This New York Times Bestseller is written by Meik Wiking, the CEO of the Happiness Research Institute in Copenhagen, has spent years studying the magic of Danish life and what makes people happy."

"Hygge...loosely translates as a sense of comfort, togetherness, and well-being. It's that feeling you get when you are snuggled up on a comfy couch with a loved one or eating a delicious meal of comfort food with close friends and family."

"It's about gratitude and savoring the simple pleasures in life. In short, it is the pursuit of everyday happiness. Join us to discover how you can bring a little hygge into your life."

Sign up on Sundays at the Big Blue Q table during Fellowship or email: office@quincypointcong.org.

Literacy Volunteer Information Session At Crane Public Library

Members of the Thomas Crane Public Library invite community members to become volunteer literacy tutors to help adults learn how to read at the upcoming Literacy Volunteer Information Session.

The event will take place on Thursday, Jan. 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The session will be held online and those interested can register on the Thomas Crane Public Library website.

Literacy tutors are dedi-

cated, patient, flexible, and encouraging volunteers who create a positive learning environment where adults can thrive and learn without embarrassment.

Literacy Volunteers receive extensive training and support from the Library's Adult Literacy department and the Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts.

No previous teaching or tutoring experience is required.

By MELINDA MYERS

There's no need to visit a spa for a bit of soothing aromatherapy. Grow fragrant plants indoors to improve your mood and promote a sense of relaxation.

Gardenias may be the first fragrant flowering plant that comes to mind. They can be challenging but are worth the effort. Grow them in moist acidic soil, in bright light, and surrounded by other plants or on a gravel tray to increase the humidity.

Jasmines are known for their sweet fragrant flowers. Arabian jasmine (Jasmine sambac) will flower indoors several times throughout the year if it receives sufficient light. Consider adding artificial lights to boost flowering. Grow this plant in a warm draft-free location and allow the soil to dry several inches below the surface before watering again.

Citrus are valued for their fruit, but they also produce fragrant flowers. Give them bright light and keep the soil slightly moist for the best results.

Stephanotis floribunda was frequently used in wedding bouquets. Grow it in a sunny window and watch for flowers to appear in spring on new growth. Complete all necessary pruning as soon as the plant stops flowering.

Plumeria are the fragrant flowers often used in Hawaiian leis. Provide bright light, moist well-drained soil, and fertilize throughout the summer to promote flowering. Allow the soil to go a bit drier during the winter. Don't panic if the plants go dormant and drop their leaves in winter. New leaves will appear as temperatures warm.

String of pearls (Curio rowleyanus) is a trailing succulent with leaves that resemble peas. Grow these in a brightly lit location that is a bit cooler in the winter. This along with slightly

Boost Your Mood With Fragrant Indoor Plants

drier soil in winter can promote flowering. Its cinnamon fragrance is one you'll remember.

Another succulent that may reward you with flowers is hoya. Keep the soil a bit moister during the summer when the plant is actively growing. Allow the soil to dry slightly when the plant is resting during the winter. High humidity in spring and summer followed by cooler temperatures and drier soil in winter will encourage potbound plants to flower. Watch for fragrant flowers to form on the long leafless stems.

Give the leaves of scented geranium (Pelargonium) a pet and enjoy the lemon, rose, apple, peppermint, or pine fragrance. Although grown for their scented foliage they also produce pretty but less showy flowers. Place the plants in areas where you brush past the leaves or can easily give them a pat to release and enjoy the fragrance.

Find a cool spot in your home away from drafts of hot and cold air for your lavender plant. Make sure the plant receives plenty of sunlight from a south-facing or similar window. Consider adding artificial lights to increase your success. Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry to the touch. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer.

Visit your local independent garden center or reputable online plant retailers that are more likely to sell these in winter. Then clear out some space on a sunny windowsill or invest in a few plant lights and start growing some fragrant plants.



FRAGRANT PLANTS, like gardenias, add beauty indoors, boost mood, and promote relaxation.

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Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant

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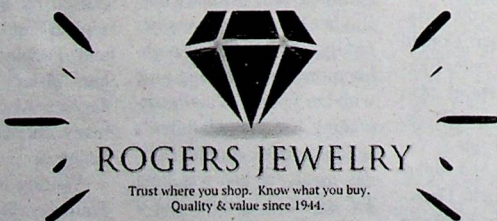
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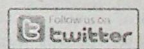
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6pm: Bethany Congregational Church
8pm: TCLP: Staying Healthy in Winter

Friday, January 5
11:30am: LIVE: Currently in Quincy
7pm: AM Quincy: State Rep. Tackey Chan

Saturday, January 6
12pm: TCLP: Staying Healthy in Winter
7pm: The Call

Sunday, January 7
10am: Bethany Congregational Church
11:30am: Quincy Point Church Good News

Monday, January 8
10am: LIVE: Inauguration Ceremony
7pm: Inauguration Ceremony (replay)

Tuesday, January 9
7am: LIVE: AM Quincy with Joe Catalano
7pm: AM Quincy: Mayor Thomas Koch

Wednesday, January 10
6pm: Quincy Point Church Good News
7pm: The Call

Government Access Channel 9

Thursday January 4
4:00pm: Quincy License Board, 12/19
8:00pm: At the Kennedy Center, Bob Farrell

Friday January 5
10:30am: Health Links: Aging Strong
8:00pm: Home Sweet Healthy Home
9:00pm: State View, guest Rep. Tackey Chan

Saturday/Sunday, January 6/7
9:30am: For Your Health, Hepatitis
10:30am: State View, guest Rep. Tackey Chan
2:00pm: In the Know: Office of Healthy Homes
4:00pm: Quincy License Board, 12/19
5:00pm: Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals, 12/12

Monday January 8
10:00am: LIVE, Inauguration Ceremony
3:00pm: At the Library Concert, Raley Beggs

Tuesday January 9
4:00pm: LIVE, Quincy License Board
6:00pm: LIVE, Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday January 10
6:00pm: In the Know, Mass. Office on Disability
7:00pm: Inauguration Ceremony, 1/8

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OBITUARIES

Carl A. Awed, 98

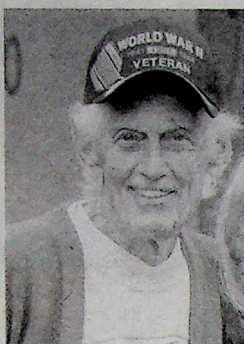
Carl A. Awed, age 98, a longtime Quincy resident, died peacefully, Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, surrounded by his loving family.

Carl was born in Highland Park, Michigan, to the late Abraham and Beatrice (Zaploski) Awed. As a young child, he moved to Quincy, where he was raised and educated. Carl graduated from Quincy High School, Class of 1946, after returning from World War II where he served in the U.S. Navy as a Pharmacist's Mate 3/c.

He went on to graduate from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and began his career as a pharmacist. He became the owner of two drug stores, the former Savin Hill Pharmacy in Dorchester, and the former Neighborhood Pharmacy in Wollaston. Carl later transitioned into the nursing home industry and was the owner, for over thirty years, of the former Presidential Nursing Home in Quincy, the Reshaven Home in Medford, and the Kristen Beth Nursing Home in New Bedford.

After retirement, Carl remained active and enjoyed gardening, painting, and refinishing furniture. He spent numerous hours perfecting his Japanese garden and maintaining a meticulous yard. He also loved playing cards with family and friends, especially poker and backgammon. Not only an avid Boston sports fan, Carl himself bowled, golfed, skied, and played tennis until late in his life. He was a sharp dresser and always the best dancer at every family wedding.

Most of all, Carl was devoted to his family, his dear wife, Irene, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, supporting all their many interests, activities, and accomplishments. He was fortunate to



CARLA A. AWED

be the beloved husband for seventy-three years of Irene C. (Aristide) Awed with whom he shared an adventurous spirit. He fell in love with her beautiful blue eyes in high school, and together they traveled the world sharing numerous cultural experiences, including making unforgettable memories at their home in Jamaica.

Devoted father of Mark A. Awed and his wife Kathleen of Worcester, Carl A. Awed, Jr. of Quincy, Scott M. Awed and his wife Linda of Quincy, Alison L. Djerf of Quincy, Adam Awed, Kristen Awed-Ladas and her husband Mark of Quincy, and the late Carlene P. Awed.

Loving Papa of sixteen and great grandfather of fourteen.

Carl is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families.

Visiting hours were held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy, on Thursday, Dec. 28. Funeral Services were conducted at the funeral home on Friday, Dec. 29. Interment, with military honors, followed at Mount Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy.

For those who wish, donations in Carl's memory may be made to Quincy Veterans Services, 24 High School Ave., Quincy, MA 02169.

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Obituaries are submitted by the funeral homes and are printed in The Sun space permitting.

Jean E. Morrison, 86

Jean Elizabeth Nightingale Morrison of Quincy passed away Nov. 4, 2023. She was 86.

Born to Agnes Jamieson Nightingale and Percy Nightingale, Jean was the last worker of the former Quincy Bargain Center where she loved to help people in all departments. She then went to watch her grandson Jimmy Grimmert so her daughter Linda could go back to college and work. At a young age she learned to play the piano and organ by herself and played a solo at the Masonic Temple when she was little.

Jean loved riding bumper cars, still riding them into her 80s. She loved taking trips with her daughter Linda and wearing her collection of hats. Jean lived in Germantown, taking pride, keeping her yard clean and putting her yard decorations out. Most of her greatest joy in life was her grandson, Jimmy Grimmert, who sadly passed away at the age of 23. Her next greatest joy in life is being blessed with her grandchildren: Patrick James Grimmert, Riley Oboy, Emily Oboy, Malia Doine, Lindsay Toland, Hope Toland, David Rottach and Samantha Rottach. She will always be called "Ma" by them. Jean was deeply blessed and loved.



JEAN E. MORRISON

Beloved mother to Linda Morrison Grimmert of Quincy and the late Kenny Morrison and Danny Morrison. Dear sister of Florence Nightingale Mattina. Sister-in-law of Ruthie Morrison Doyle. Also survived by family members: Jennifer and Kenny Oboy, Alicia and Dan Toland, Beth and Neil Rottach, Jamieson Nightingale, Elizabeth Roberts Stevens, Kristine Nightingale and many family and friends who will deeply miss her. Ex-wife of the late Kenneth Morrison and her late niece Debby Nightingale Bohan Eisan also, late sister of Evelyn Claussner and Judy Johnson and Betty Jayne Nightingale and baby brother Bobby Nightingale at 6 months old.

The family acknowledges the love and support of the many friends, family members and colleagues who assisted them through this difficult time.

Private arrangements by the Hamel-Lydon Chapel, Quincy.

Norma J. Mackie, 71

Norma J. Mackie, 71, of Quincy formerly of Roxbury, died Dec. 13, 2023. She was the loving daughter of the late Sarah Fiandaca.

Born in Boston and raised in Roxbury, Norma was an active and energetic adolescent who grew up to become a fun-loving adult, always and forever linked to her adoring cousins who were more like the sisters she never had. They will always remember her infectious laugh, love of sweets, her beaming smile, how she loved to dance, and how she preferred to walk to wherever she was going even though she always had her own car. She will be deeply missed.

Norma enjoyed her years working as a CNA at the former Pond Meadow Home in Weymouth until their closing. She later worked as an office manager with Hansen Landscaping and Tree Service in Abington for many years, a job she also thoroughly enjoyed until her recent retirement due to illness.

Devoted mother of Sherree Mackie of Salem, grandmother of Courtney Banks of Salem and great-grandmother of Sofia Karagiannis of Salem and Kostaki Kara-



NORMA J. MACKIE

giannis, of Dedham. Also survived by many cherished cousins, extended family and friends including her dear friend Marilyn Hynes. Norma loved all animals especially her cat, Kitty, who sadly preceded her in death recently.

Visiting Hours were held Monday, Dec. 18, 2023. Funeral Mass was Tuesday, Dec. 19 in Sacred Heart Church of Divine Mercy Parish, North Quincy. Interment Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

Funeral arrangements were under the care of Hamel-Lydon Chapel, Quincy. For more information or to leave condolence messages for the family please visit HamelLydon.com.

Ann G. Bruce, 81

Ann G. (McGowan) Bruce of Quincy, died peacefully on Dec. 18, 2023 in Weymouth, surrounded by her loving family. She was 81 years old.

Ann was born in Boston in 1942, to the late Joseph and Mary (Grogan) McGowan. She attended Boston schools. She married John David Bruce on May 9, 1959 and they eventually settled in Quincy where they raised their three children. Ann worked for the City of Quincy Elder Services for 25 years.

Ann was a caring, selfless person who enjoyed traveling, cooking and spending time with friends. But her greatest joy was her family, and she loved nothing more than spending time with her family. Whether attending her grandchildren's school events, sharing holiday meals, or just watching TV together, nothing put a smile on her face like being with her family. She was loved by all who knew her and will be sorely missed.

Beloved wife of 64 years to John David Bruce.

Loving mother of John (Jay) and his wife Kathleen of Hanover, Sherri Grey and her husband, the late Larry Grey, of Rohnert Park, CA, and Laura Bruce of Quincy.



ANN G. BRUCE

Proud grandmother of Allison, Johnathan, Claire and Shannon. Dear sister of Robert McGowan and his wife Lynn of California, John McGowan and his wife Jane of Quincy, and Trudy and her late husband, John Greene, of Quincy. Predeceased by her brothers Joseph (Franky) McGowan, and Thomas Gorman, and her sister Mary (Babe) Crook. Also survived by many cherished nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held Thursday, Dec. 28th, in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Quincy on Friday, Dec. 29th. Burial in Bourne National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ann may be made to The Home for Little Wanderers.

John 'Scotty' MacLean

John "Scotty" MacLean passed away peacefully with family by his side on Dec. 20, 2023.

Scotty, as John was affectionately known, was a proud veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and a retired Ironworker for Local 7. The role that Scotty was most proud of in his life was that of "Papa". His grandchildren, Aidan, Peyton, Luke, Brody, Chase and Brooklyn brought him so much joy and happiness and he was happy to talk about them to everybody, and he will be greatly missed by them.

John was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Linda MacLean. After his wife's passing all John wanted was to be with her again in heaven making apple pies. The family takes comfort in knowing that they are together again and watching over them.

John is also survived by his daughter Stacey Moradas and her husband David of Quincy, his daughter Elizabeth Noonan and her husband Michael of Hanover. He is also survived by his brother, Thomas MacLean and his sisters, Anna



JOHN 'SCOTTY' MACLEAN

Knights, Martha Curtis, and Roberta MacLean. He is predeceased by his parents, Donald and Martha MacLean, his brother Donald MacLean and his sister Elizabeth McLean. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visiting hours and funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 28, in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. Burial in Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org). Please see www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

OBITUARIES

James J. Sullivan, 91

James J. Sullivan (Jim), a lifelong resident of Quincy, died peacefully at his home on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023. He was 91.

The son of the late John L. and Mary (Moriarty) Sullivan, Jim was born at home in Quincy on Jan. 31, 1932. He was raised in South Quincy and graduated from Quincy High School in 1949. He attended Northeastern University, graduating in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Jim enlisted in the United States Navy on December 9, 1955, proudly served his country and was honorably discharged on September 9, 1957. Following his time in the service, Jim worked for New England Telephone. He finished his outstanding career there as a Vice-President of Marketing. Aside from his time in the Navy and several years in Weymouth, Jim lived his entire life in Quincy.

Jim lived in the Merrymount neighborhood of Quincy for almost 60 years. Never without a story or piece of advice, Jim loved sharing meals, holidays, or quick, unplanned meetings walking around the neighborhood with his Merrymount family. He traveled around the world with his wife, Marion, and family and friends, visiting Ireland many times, and taking pil-



JAMES J. SULLIVAN

grimages to holy sites in Israel and Medjugorje in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Just as much as he loved to travel, he loved sharing the experience with his family, and the stories with his friends and strangers. A lifelong Boston and Boston College sports fan, Jim could regularly be found watching, discussing, or bemoaning, the latest games over a pint of Guinness. A devout Catholic, Jim was a constant presence at Holy Trinity Parish and always found time to visit churches around the world on his travels. Jim's faith and love for his friends and family were evident in everything he did.

Jim was the devoted husband of the beloved Marion E. (Evans) Sullivan, who died in 2022. He was the loving father of Neal E. Sullivan and his wife Connie of Potomac, Maryland, and Lisajude Geaney of Quincy. Jim was the proud grandfather of Patrick J. Sullivan

and his wife Jenny Bright of Washington, D.C., Brendan F. Geaney of Chicago, Liam H. Sullivan of Washington, D.C., and Padraig J. Geaney of Quincy. He was preceded in death by his seven siblings: John Sullivan, Mary Gallagher, Catherine Mullane, Francis Sullivan, Marjorie Connolly, Constance Doherty, and Geraldine Sullivan. Jim is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Visiting hours were held Dec. 26 in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

A Celebration of Life Service was held in the funeral home Dec. 27 prior to the Funeral Mass in Holy Trinity Parish at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Quincy. Cremation followed.

Following cremation, Jim will be interred privately with military honors in Mount Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Jim's name to Quincy Community Action Program by visiting: www.qcap.org or Quincy Youth Baseball by visiting: www.quincyouthbaseballandsoftball.com.

See www.Keohane.com for online condolences and directions.

Bill Mackey, 77

Bill Mackey, 77, a longtime Quincy resident, passed away suddenly on Dec. 22, 2023 surrounded by his family.

Bill was born in Boston, the son of William J. Mackey and Mary T. Mackey (Cronin) and lived all of his adult life in Quincy. He attended North Quincy High School and graduated from Northeastern University. He served his country in the Army during the Vietnam War. He was employed for over thirty years as an underwriter at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. In retirement, Bill donated his time to the Friends of the Thomas Crane Library, most recently as a Board Member. He devoted hours of his time there and made many friends.

Bill was a Quincy institution. He walked the streets of Quincy for the past sixty years since he preferred not to drive. People noticed

him because he often did so while reading a book. If you were lucky enough to run into Bill, he would instantly start a conversation with young or old. Bill always had a smile, a story, and a laugh to share. Bill had a keen intellect and could discuss music, theatre, flowers, or World War II all in one conversation. He was a kind, gentle, friendly man who touched many lives due to his outgoing nature.

Bill loved to travel. For over forty years, Bill traveled the world any chance he could get. His travels included the Soviet Union, Africa, New Zealand, China, Egypt, and most of Europe.

When he was closer to home, he enjoyed watching track & field events, and skied for years with the Boston Ski & Sports Club.

Bill was his family's biggest fan, and we were his. Bill leaves behind his six

siblings. He was the loving brother of Joseph Mackey and his wife Carlene of South Hero, VT, James Mackey and his wife Susan of Concord, Mary Hart and her husband John of Hanover, Robert Mackey and his wife Jean of Quincy, John Mackey and his wife Patti of Bayview, Idaho, and Eileen Schwartz and her husband Neil of Quincy. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held Jan. 2 at the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Quincy at Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. Burial to follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Boston.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Bill's name to the Friends of the Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy, MA 02169.

Patricia H. Naughton, 88

Patricia H. "Tishie" Naughton, a longtime resident of Quincy, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023. She was 88.

She was born in Boston to Margaret and Patrick Barrett and raised in Jamaica Plain. Tishie graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School. She married Thomas Naughton, and they started a family in Hyde Park. In 1976, they moved to Quincy, where they would spend the remainder of their days together. After the kids were old enough to look after themselves, Tishie went back to work. She worked as an insurance rater with CNA for almost 20 years.

In her spare time, she was an avid reader and Boston sports fan. She also enjoyed watching golf and going for



PATRICIA H. NAUGHTON

walks. Christmas was always a special time of year for Tishie, and it was important to her that she make it a special time of year for her children and grandchildren.

Tishie was honest, hard-working and independent. She always believed in being true to yourself and was very supportive of those she loved. Family meant the world to her. She loved to reminisce about growing up

with her siblings, cousins, and friends. She was truly, one of a kind.

Beloved wife of 46 years to the late Thomas J. Naughton. Devoted mother of Tom Naughton of Quincy and Patty Porter and her husband Tim of Greenland, NH. Cherished grandmother to Ryan and Avery Porter. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents, Margaret and Patrick Barrett and her siblings, Mary Carlson, Margie Roake, Dottie Campbell, Jackie Barrett and Bobby Barrett.

Visiting hours were held Dec. 22, in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. A funeral service was celebrated Dec. 23, in Keohane Funeral Home, Quincy. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston.

Driving On Black Ice: What it Is, How To Handle It And Why It's Dangerous

The weather is getting colder. It's time to prepare for seasonal driving hazards. One of the most dangerous winter weather driving hazards is black ice – a nearly undetectable patch of ice. It is estimated that icy roads lead to over 150,000 crashes a year, so it is very important to adapt your driving to stay safe on the roads.

Don't get fooled by the name – black ice is not actually black. Black ice is a highly transparent sheen of ice, which almost blends perfectly with the pavement because it is so thin and clear. It is especially hard to detect at night or during hazardous weather conditions.

Black ice is dangerous for two main reasons- it is very difficult to detect (before you find yourself driving on it), and it's very slippery. This leads to sudden skidding, loss of control, and longer braking distances. The danger is not limited to the roads. If a pedestrian or cyclist travels on black ice on the sidewalk, crosswalk, or other pathways, they risk falling into the path of oncoming traffic. So you have to be vigilant of everyone around you, not just your own vehicle.

In general, black ice forms when the road is at below freezing temperature and:

- It rains enough for a thin sheen of ice to freeze on the road.
- Snow or sleet melts and then refreezes.
- When a heavy dew or fog condensates and freezes on the road (rare).

Black ice can form anywhere on the road, especially in below-freezing temperatures. However, extra precautions should be taken in areas that do not

get much sunlight, for example around curves. These areas tend to freeze first and remain frozen the longest. Also, take extra caution near bridges and overpasses.

Bridges are exposed to the chilled air from above and below, often making them colder than the surrounding pavement – this environment is perfect when it comes to creating hazardous road conditions.

If you hit black ice, try to stay calm. Ease off the gas pedal, shift into a lower gear, and keep the steering wheel straight. Brake gently – do not hit the brakes! Steer the car in the direction you want to go. Do little and simply let your car pass over the ice.

If you start to skid:

1. Take your foot off the accelerator
2. Allow yourself to decelerate naturally until you regain traction. If needed, very gently use the brakes.
3. If you start to skid, carefully turn your car in the direction of the skid. If you are skidding right, turn the wheel to the right to correct it. Try not to jerk the wheel as this will result in over-correcting. Keep your eyes focused on the direction you want to go.
4. If the car skids in the opposite direction, turn the wheel in that direction. You may have to do this several times to regain control.
5. Don't panic. If you feel shaken after a skid, find a safe place to pull over and take a breath before continuing on your way.

While there is no way to fully avoid black ice, you can reduce the chances of accidents by following safe driving practices. If icy conditions are present, it is best to avoid road travel as much as you can. However, that is

not always possible.

Here are some safety tips if you need to drive in wet and freezing temperatures:

- Watch the weather. Always know what you are driving into, so you can anticipate the risks.
- Plan extra time into your commute when you drive. It's better to be early or late than in an accident.
- Reduce your speed. This will help you keep control if you find a patch of ice. The braking distance can be up to 10 times longer in icy conditions compared to that of a dry road. In some cases, you may need to slow down to a crawl.
- Make sure your tires have good tread. Good tires will help you regain control as soon as you can find traction on the road again, and they help reduce the braking distance. If you live in an area with snowy winter weather, you'll want to have snow tires installed.
- Increase the following distance. Whenever driving in bad conditions, we recommend increasing the following distance to at least 5 seconds. If driving in icy conditions, you may need to increase the following distance to 7+ seconds. This will add a layer of protection and hopefully give you time to stop should anything happen.
- Go easy on the brakes. Slamming your brakes at the wrong moment can cause skidding and loss of control, so go gentle on the brakes.

Know where you can stop safely. Know 2-3 places you can stop to wait out bad weather if you find it worse to drive in than you thought. Don't force yourself to make it to your destination before conditions improve.

**More Obituaries
online at
www.TheQuincySun.com**

Lead Abatement Priority For Quincy Water Department

As previously reported during the fall, the Quincy Water and Sewer Department regularly samples water from the small number of remaining homes in Quincy believed to have lead or lead-lined pipes as part of

their private service lines into the house.

The latest round of testing found that 3 of the 20 homes tested had lead levels that exceeded thresholds requiring public notification under state and federal guidelines. Water customers recently received information about lead as part of an ongoing public education program. That information is also available on the DPW page of www.quincyma.gov

There is no action necessary by any Quincy water customers, as less than 1 percent of homeowners are believed to have lead water service lines. Water is lead free when it leaves Massachusetts Water Resources Authority facilities, and the City's water mains do not contain lead.

Those homes that tested above those thresholds (18 parts per billion versus the accepted 15 parts per bil-

lion) have been notified.

In 2016, the City performed an extensive review of its Public Works records to develop a spreadsheet of addresses where lead services existed, were likely, or where the water service pipe material was unknown.

A field crew inspected each suspect water service at the meter, and the City initiated a public information campaign to inform property owners of the program, including: community meetings, website information, public information

displays, letters targeted to suspect homes, translated information letters, and certified mail letters with participation agreements.

During that process, 285 lead service lines were identified and the City was able to replace 206 of them, winning an Outstanding Performance and Achievement Award from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and recognition from Clean Water Action. The City continues to work with – and advise – remaining property

owners with identified lead service lines to have them replaced. Outside of that program, the City identifies lead service lines most often when investigating water leaks at homes.

To date, the City believes around 350 private water service lines have been replaced, and eight years ago, the City's Public Buildings Department separately completed a multi-million dollar effort to replace remaining water fountains and sinks in the City's schools that had

elevated levels of lead.

"Lead abatement is a huge priority for our Water Department, and while these lead service lines do still exist, there aren't many and we continue to make progress toward our and the MWRA's goal of zero lead," said Department of Public Works Commissioner Al Grazioso.

For more information, residents can contact Mark Vialpando at 617-376-1955 or mivialpando@quincyma.gov.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. NO23P1682EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200
Estate of:
Anton D. Peggjonaj
Date of Death:
09/21/2021

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **George Peggjonaj of Quincy, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **George Peggjonaj of Quincy, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 01/17/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 15, 2023
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

1/4/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-23-37

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the **Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals** as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Hanna Pham for a Variance & Finding to convert the existing single family to a two family; construct an addition and renovate the home in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance Sections 4.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements (FAR & Number of Stories), 5.1.4 Off-Street Parking (Setbacks) & 5.1.8 Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements on the premises numbered 115 NEWBURY AVENUE, QUINCY.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/locations/30028>.

Martin Aikens, Chairman

1/4/24, 1/11/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-23-84

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the **Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals** as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Annie Tran for a Variance to build an entrance to the front of the home, extend the second floor to align with the new entrance and renovate the home in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance Sections 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements (Front Setback & FAR) on the premises numbered 29 JAMES STREET, QUINCY.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/locations/42073>.

Martin Aikens, Chairman

1/4/24, 1/11/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-23-89

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the **Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals** as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Peter O'Connell for a Variance to subdivide the lot into two lots and construct a new single family home on each lot with a garage and two car driveway in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance Sections 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements (Front Setback, Side Setback & Min. Lot Frontage) and 5.1.16 Paving of Yards (Front Yard) on the premises numbered 83 BIRD STREET, QUINCY.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/locations/112414>.

Martin Aikens, Chairman

1/4/24, 1/11/24

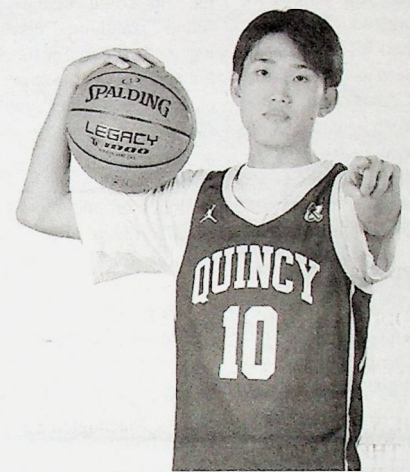
Quincy College International Student Blends Basketball With Business

foreign country some 6,700 miles from home.

Meet Kohei Shimizu.

A native of Yokohama, Japan, Kohei – a 6-1 shooting guard on the Quincy College basketball team – is about to begin his second year as a Business Management major. He works hard on the court and in the classroom, attempting to master the intricacies of Granite Coach Doug Scott's offense while also learning macroeconomics, entrepreneurship, and principles of business management, improving his English, and finding his way around not just a new city but an entirely new country.

Kohei's choice of Quincy College came at the recommendation of a Japan-based educational agent, part of a



KOHEI SHIMIZU, a native of Yokohama, Japan, is a 6-1 shooting guard on the Quincy College basketball team.

Courtesy Photo

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. NO23C0470CA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

In the Matter of:

Yarmisha Latisha Cofield
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by

Yarmisha Latisha Cofield of Quincy, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Yaya Latisha Griffith
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Norfolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/17/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 7, 2023
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
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process that helps students seeking to study in the US select the school that's right for them. Kohei wanted a quality, affordable education while getting a chance to play basketball, and Quincy College fit the bill.

Still, nothing was guaranteed; he'd have to earn his spot on the roster. Because Kohei first arrived on campus last January when the season was already well underway, basketball would have to wait until the fall semester. But after classes, he began watching team practices and regularly working out at the Quincy YMCA, refining his game in preparation for tryouts for the 2023-24 season. It paid off: he made this year's team, impressing the coaching staff with both his skills and his work ethic.

"Kohei works hard to get better, has a great attitude and comes with a smile every single day," says Coach Scott. "And he's a great teammate. He's a big part of our scout team. The guys love him."

In the classroom, Kohei is a solid student (although he admits with a shy smile that those principles of business management have been a challenge) and he looks forward to eventually pursuing a bachelor's degree at a four-year college where he can continue playing bas-

ketball. He closely follows the pro game and, when asked about his favorite players, he quickly names NBA Hall-of-Famer Dennis Rodman and league veteran Derrick Rose, the latter in part because he successfully recovered from a knee injury similar to one that Kohei himself dealt with.

In terms of adjusting to a new country and culture, he's doing just fine. He's made friends on and off campus and very much likes where he is. "I love Quincy," he says with a grin. "I also love Boston. I walk through Boston Common sometimes. It's nice to have so much open space like that."

Quincy College is proud of its international student program; there are 125 international students currently enrolled, representing 38 different countries (Kohei is actually one of five students from Japan). Each has unique dreams that the college is helping them achieve.

"Kohei's dream – of playing basketball in the States – is already a reality," says Granite Assistant Coach Kenny Nguyen. "At the same time, he's creating some amazing memories and friendships both within the College and our basketball program."

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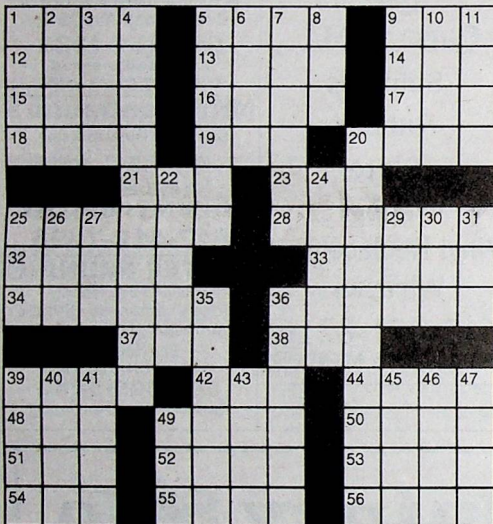
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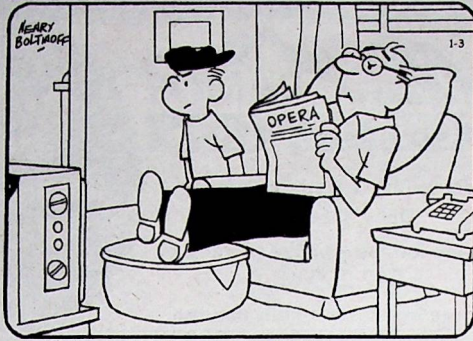
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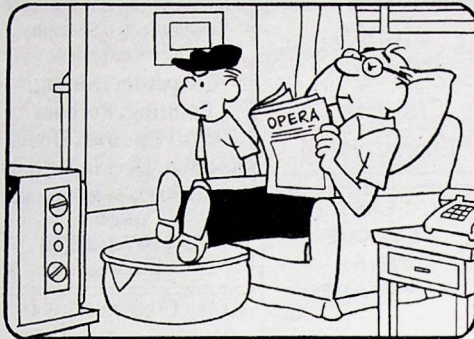
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When is Three King's Day celebrated typically?
2. TELEVISION: In the drama series "Mad Men," what product is presumed to be Don Draper's last advertisement?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is a chain or collection of islands called?
4. MOVIES: To which city is the McCallister family traveling in the holiday classic "Home Alone"?
5. LEGAL: What is a moot court?
6. LITERATURE: What is the name of the heroine in "The Scarlet Letter"?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut is used in marzipan?

8. MUSIC: What is the gift on the 11th day in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
9. SCIENCE: How much of the Earth's surface is covered with water?
10. HISTORY: What are the two Japanese cities that the United States hit with atomic bombs in WWII?

Answers

1. Jan. 6, the 12th day of Christmas.
2. Coca-Cola.
3. An archipelago.
4. Paris, France.
5. A simulated court to give law students a chance to practice what they have learned.
6. Hester Prynne.
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S T A I E S V S E N S E W

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The new year holds promise for all you Lambs who know how to take advantage of the opportunities out there. The key is keeping a positive attitude.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Over the course of this new year, your beautiful Bo-vines will continue bulldozing the barriers that stand between you and the success of your long-term plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The new year kicks off with a major decision about a job change that could involve a lot of travel. The choice you make could influence other decisions down the line.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Familial relationships continue to have a strong influence on whatever long-term decisions you make involving both your career and your personal life.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Any decisions that you put off making last year should be confronted and dealt with as soon as possible. You need to clear away the past and make room for the future.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Last year's disappointments are history. Expect to see more opportunities opening up and waiting for you to use them to your advantage.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You still have some trouble spots lingering

from last year. Resolve them so that you can move on to tackle more rewarding situations.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Developments in the year ahead can be more challenging than you had expected, but the rewards will be well worth your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You are the Philosopher of the Zodiac, and your wisdom will go a long way in helping you deal with the challenges of the upcoming year.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Take stock of what you propose to do in the new year and get started as soon as possible. On another note, last year's critics turn into this year's admirers.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This year, the typically gentle Water Bearer can reveal a hidden streak of steel that few people suspected you had; they will be surprised to see how you use it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Although new friends open up different social vistas, your penchant for privacy is still strong and allows you the quiet time you need to indulge in your creative gifts.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have deep reservoirs of strength that give you extraordinary staying power amid the most difficult conditions.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: L equals N

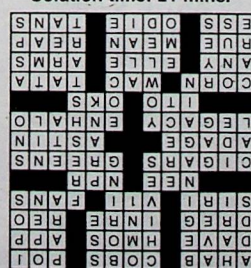
XTLFU MCWX OBU LMFSPBLOW
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King Crossword

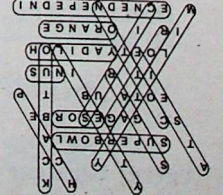
Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.



Magic Maze

ANSWERS:



Since owls are nocturnal birds, I would call them at bedtime prayers.

CryptoQuip answer

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD – George Clooney has given his stamp of approval for “Barbie” stars Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling to play his parents in the upcoming prequel of “Ocean’s Eleven.”

In 2023, we lost many of my favorite stars who I did shootings with or knew. In 1985, while shooting Brian Bloom (Dusty in “As the World Turns”) in Gramercy Park, New York, Italian superstar Gina Lollobrigida had a meltdown over him and said in her sexy Italian accent, “I love watching you on your telenovela.” She kissed both his cheeks and sauntered away. Brian asked, “Who was that?” I told him that she was an Italian sex symbol who starred with Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis in “Trapeze” (1955), as well as Rock Hudson in “Strange Bedfellows” (1965), among other films. She left us on Jan. 16, 2023, at 95.

I remember in 1982 when “Laverne & Shirley’s” Cindy Williams and Penny Marshall crashed a party for David Hasselhoff and hysterically pretended to be huge gushing fans of his. Cindy passed Jan. 25, 2023, at 75.

I pinched myself following Tina Turner around the post-premiere party for “Tommy” (1975), as she interacted with The Who and Elton John. She was so down to earth! She left us on May 24, 2023, at 83.

In 1967, at the closing night of Marlene Dietrich’s Broadway show, I mingled with

her conductor Burt Bacharach and his wife, “Police Woman” star Angie Dickinson, just before Dietrich was hoisted atop her limo with them inside. She threw little photos to thousands of fans in the street. Burt left us on Feb. 8, 2023, at 94.

In 1985, I ran into Stella Stevens in Hawaii. She starred with Elvis Presley in “Girls! Girls! Girls!” (1962) and with Jerry Lewis in “The Nutty Professor” (1963). She wanted to learn how to surf, so I asked my friend Sam J. Jones (star of “Flash Gordon” in 1980) to teach her. As I shot pictures of them, the outrigger I rented took on water and almost sank. How we laughed! She died on Feb. 17, 2023, at 84.

I was devastated when Raquel Welch died on Feb. 15, 2023, at 82. She was the epitome of glamour. She once told me at a party, “I want to thank you for all the encouraging things you’ve written about me in your columns.” I nearly fainted when she kissed me.

I got to know Matthew Perry when he was filming “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip.” Every time I covered a shooting of his, he was friendly and nice, and liked it when I called him (what else?) “friend!” It was tragic when he suddenly died on Oct. 28, 2023, at 54. I disagree with the song “Auld Lang Syne” that old acquaintances should not be forgotten. Happy New Year!

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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+		-		+				
	-		×		2			
÷		×		×				
	-		×		6			
3		6		10				
1	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9

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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Smoking Paraphernalia

— Some collectibles aren’t what they seem at first glance. This green enameled piece that sold for \$252 at Morphy Auctions looks like a covered jar. A closer look at the finial, shaped like a seated cherub or putto playing a stringed instrument, suggests its true purpose. It’s really a music box that plays two tunes.

That’s not all it is: Wind it up and the panels open, revealing a silver toned pocket behind each panel. The pockets were originally meant to hold cigarettes. It’s a music box and a cigarette dispenser!

It’s well-known that smoking was more common in the first half of the 20th century before its links to lung cancer had been determined. Smoking is less popular today, but smoking paraphernalia and tobacciana are collectible. Ashtrays, especially with advertising, are popular and often inexpensive. Collectors of advertising and packaging look for antique tobacco tins. Lighters have their own category in Kovels’ price guide. Smoking stands appear in antique furniture collections. Some collectors may repurpose their smoking collectibles by using ashtrays as ring dishes, cigarette cases as credit card holders or smoking stands as plant stands. This cigarette dispenser’s decorations and multiple functions could make it part of a collection of tobacciana, enamels or music boxes.

Q: My father was an official of a Merchant Marine union. The seamen would often bring back gifts, such as rugs, from overseas. I have several rugs in different

ent colors and sizes. I have no idea of their country of origin or value. How can I find out something about them and their value?

A: An expert on rugs would have to see the rugs to determine their value. It may not be possible to determine the country or origin unless there is something unique in the design or technique that identifies them. Contact stores in your area that sell authentic Oriental rugs to see if they can help. If you have a friend who has old Oriental rugs, they may be able to tell you who to contact.

TIP: To loosen a rusted metal part on a toy, try soaking it in cola.

CURRENT PRICES

- Cut glass cruet, Ramona pattern, hobstar, vesica, strawberry diamond, prism and fans, oval, double notched handle, rayed base, bulbous stopper, American Brilliant, Pairpoint, 6 1/4 x 3 3/4 inches, \$200.
- Political button, Martin Luther King, celluloid, sepia photograph, pinback, integral stand and hanger, 1968, 9 inches, \$465.
- Toy, Busy Cart Robot, construction robot, pushes wheeled cart, yellow and black, battery operated, Horikawa, Japan, original box, 12 inches, \$800.
- Magazine, TIME, Feb. 18, 1957 issue, Rev. Martin Luther King picture on cover, signed and inscribed, sold with letter of authenticity, \$3,120.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Here’s a fun puzzle you can do with pennies (or any coins for that matter).

A total of 13 pennies are put into three piles, so that each pile has a different number of pennies.

What is the smallest number of pennies in the largest pile?

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Strange BUT TRUE

• The first 72 hours in jail pose the highest risk of death for an inmate, for any reason.

• The cat in “The Godfather” was a stray that director Francis Ford Coppola found in the studio and handed to Marlon Brando before the shot. The animal took a shine to Brando and settled in his lap, purring so loudly that the crew was afraid the noise would drown out the dialogue!

• And speaking of cats... cheetahs communicate with house cat-like meows rather than roars like most big cats.

• Benjamin Franklin sold chocolate in his print shop in Philadelphia.

• Forget about whether pineapple belongs on a pizza – how about snake? For a limited time snake will be on Pizza Hut’s menu in Hong Kong, as the restaurant partners with another eatery known for its snake stew.

• A tool bag lost during a spacewalk orbits Earth and is visible to people on the ground.

• Researchers at George Washington University found that the skin behind our ears and between our toes has a different set of microbes than those found on more frequently washed areas, so heed Mama’s advice and don’t forget to scrub them.

• In 1873, billiards became the first sport to have a world championship.

• Prior to the 17th century, common folk seated themselves on stools and benches, while chairs were designed for royalty and the rich.

• Pogonophobia is the fear or dislike of beards.

• For Scrabble’s 50th anniversary in 1988, a giant game utilizing six-foot tiles that required two large men to lift was played in Britain’s Wembley Stadium.

Thought for the Day: “If you can’t fly, then run. If you can’t run, then walk. If you can’t walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

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Now here’s a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• If you like taking baths, you can invest in a second rubber bath mat to drape over the side of the tub. The edge will be nonslip, so you can hold on for support and your hands will not slide.

• Sunburn happens in the winter too, especially on the slopes. Use a cotton ball soaked in cold tea to ease tight dry skin. Be sure you apply sunscreen to your face and wear eye protection when going out to play in the snow.

• For drains slowed by grease, sprinkle a half-cup each of salt and baking soda down the drain, and follow it with an entire kettle or pot of boiling water.

• If the smell in your cedar chest has faded, you can bring it back easily with extra-fine sandpaper. A very light sanding is all it takes in most

cases.

• For delicious baked potatoes, boil a pot of salted water, add whole potatoes with skin, remove from heat and let stand for 15 minutes. Finish in the oven for a sturdier skin. Start checking for doneness after 15 minutes in the oven. Baking time can be cut in half! – J.L. in Florida

• Remove musty smell from stored clothes by adding either vinegar or ammonia to the wash water. Be sure to check for smell removal BEFORE drying, as the dryer can bake the smell into clothes, making it more difficult to remove.

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Go Figure! answers

01	9	3
6	2	5
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2	1	8
+	-	+
4	4	7

The smallest amount of coins that can be put in the largest pile is six.

SNOWFLAKES

solution

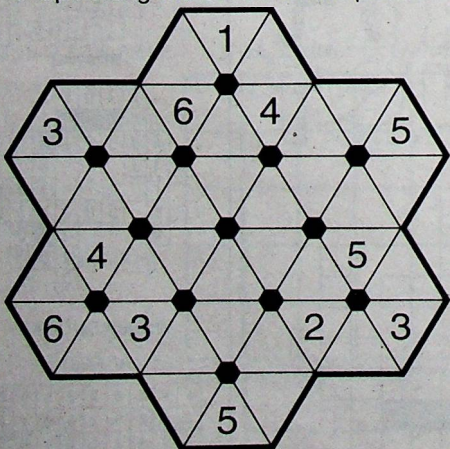
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×	×	÷
2	1	8
+	-	+
4	4	7

Stickelers Answer

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

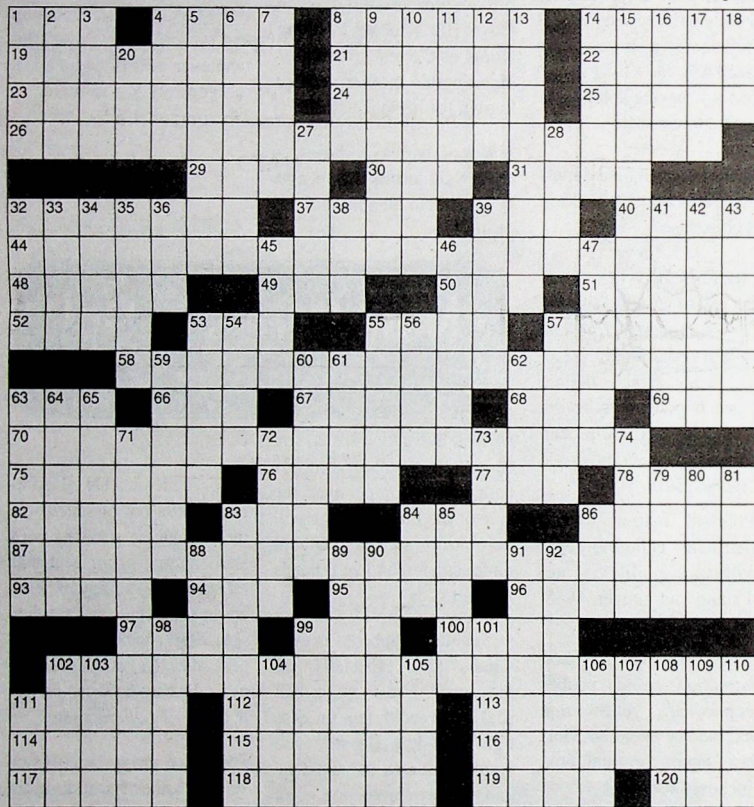
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Super Crossword

CALCULATING CHARACTERS

- ACROSS**

1 Pet doc
4 "Come again?"
8 Treats maliciously
14 Tennis player Borg
19 Narcissist's problem
21 Actress Address
22 Ate, as prey
23 Football Hall of Famer Bronko
24 Arrive on wheels
25 Frankie or Cleo of song
26 Start of a riddle
29 Noise in a comic book
30 Exotica singer Sumac
31 "The Human Stain" novelist Philip
32 Cure-all
37 Race of people in an H.G. Wells novella
39 Some sorority letters
40 Donations to the destitute
44 Riddle, part 2
48 Like much greasy food
- 49 See 83-Across
50 Corp. leader
51 Skip over, as a vowel
52 World War II film, when tripled
53 Charged bit
55 Place — (be active on eBay, say)
57 Cheap cigar
58 Riddle, part 3
63 Smile middle
66 Chaney of film
67 Song-belted Merman
68 On a pension, maybe: Abbr.
69 Military draft gp.
70 Riddle, part 4
75 ZZ Top album whose name is Spanish for "The Crazy One"
76 Hamm and Farrow
77 Neither's partner
78 Tingly feeling
82 Totally tired
83 With 49-Across, touter of green eggs and ham
- 84 "Yes" vote
86 Early arcade giant
87 End of the riddle
93 — Flush (bathroom brand)
94 Architect I.M. —
95 Made angry
96 Florida fruits
97 R&B great Marvin
99 Not at all new
100 Golf club
102 Riddle's answer
111 Stalin-era labor camp
112 Polecat's kin
113 Urge against
114 Muscat native
115 Do over
116 Office squawker
117 Fender dings
118 Mimics a mad mutt
119 Helper of Frankenstein
120 Inventor Whitney
- 5 Drunk
6 Writer Gogol
7 Third-largest city in Israel
8 Ride a wave
9 Eighth-brightest star in the sky
10 Like a hajji's religion
11 Second-largest city in Oklahoma
12 Charles Lamb's alias
13 Bay Area
14 Equivalent of A sharp
15 Lee Tracy's "Bombshell" co-star
16 Like praiseful poetry
17 Gossipy Barrett
18 Bakersfield-to-Boise dir.
20 Letters before 39-Across
27 Swiss watch brand
28 Clueless
32 Fizzle sound
33 Sleek, informally
34 Hair removal brand
35 Top squad
36 Mooer's mouthful
38 On the — (fleeing)
- 39 "— say more?"
41 Actresses Vivien and Janet
42 In — res (mid-plot)
43 Clay pigeons to be shot, informally
45 Three x three
46 Frozen spear
47 Eats away at
53 "Were — it all over again ..."
54 "It can't be!"
55 One of the Three Musketeers
56 Nickname for singer Justin, with "the"
57 Derisive smile
59 One of the three Furies
60 R&R alone
61 "— boy!"
62 Pisa's river
63 Nuclear trials, for short
64 Class of antimicrobial drugs, in the British spelling
65 Actress Sorkin who once hosted "America's Funniest People"
- 71 Like animals that don't roam
72 So-called "fifth taste"
73 Apartment near the super's, perhaps
74 Mesh well
79 Piquancy
80 Ontario tribe
81 Cat's warning
83 Pittsburgh footballers
84 "Chances —"
85 "Catch my drift, bro?"
86 Pie-mode link
88 1974 CIA parody film
89 More lacteal
90 Not cardinal, as a number
91 Plundering
92 Writer Sabato
98 Patronage
99 "— Loompa"
101 Half-diameters
102 Journalist Brit
103 Zing
104 Lucy Liu's "Kill Bill" role
105 Insect traps
106 Exploiter
107 Mongrel mutt
108 Frilly material
109 Shrine figure
110 Moore of "G.I. Jane"
111 Shrine figure



by Dana Jackson

Q: I was sorry to hear that actor David McCallum passed away. What is "NCIS" going to do with his character when it returns for the new season?

A: David McCallum died of natural causes at the age of 90 this past September. He had a very long career in Hollywood, having been nominated for three Primetime Emmy Awards, including twice for his role in "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." He went on to guest star in many classic shows like "Marcus Welby, M.D.," "The Invisible Man" and "Murder, She Wrote."

Twenty years ago, he landed the biggest role of his career as medical-examiner-turned-historian Dr. Donald "Ducky" Mallard on the CBS hit series "NCIS." The show plans to honor him on Feb. 19 in the new season's second episode. Steven D. Binder and David North, co-showrunners of "NCIS," told TVLine.com that "the team will learn of Ducky's passing and reflect on their memories of him as they grieve."

TVLine.com also speculated on the possibility of former key characters returning for Ducky's farewell, such as Mark Harmon's Gibbs, Michael Weatherly's Tony or Cote de Pablo's Ziva.

Q: Is it true that Wayne Brady has a reality show coming out soon? Will he still host "Let's Make a Deal"?

A: Wayne Brady first wowed audiences with his improv skills on "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" -- a skit comedy show on ABC. He won an Emmy for Outstanding Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program for that show. In addition to acting, he's also a three-time Emmy-nominated game show host for "Let's Make a Deal," the daytime job he's held for the past 15 years.

However, his love of acting hasn't fizzled. In between delivering cash and "zonks" weekdays on CBS, he's had recurring roles on the sitcom "How I Met Your Mother," the daytime soap "The Bold and the Beautiful," and Showtime's "American Gigolo."

He's still great friends with his ex-wife and business partner, Mandie Taketa, and her romantic partner of 12 years, Jason Fordham. The three co-parent their blended family of two children together. Brady sold a reality show concept to Hulu about their unconventional life together, but a title and official premiere date have yet to be announced.

Q: Is Fantasia Barrino, the same one from "American Idol" years ago, in the new version of "The Color Purple"?

A: Unlike Carrie Underwood, Kelly Clarkson and Jenni-



Fantasia Barrino ("American Idol" and "The Color Purple")

fer Hudson, Fantasia Barrino hasn't had as famed of a career as those other three "American Idol" contestants, but her 15 minutes has gradually increased. The wait is worth it, however, as she's finally showcasing her incredible voice in the new version of "The Color Purple," this time a musical, just like the Broadway play, which released on the big screen this past Christmas.

Barrino played the role of Celie on Broadway as well and earned rave reviews for it. She's garnering critical acclaim for the new film version as well. Perhaps, like Hudson did in 2007 for "Dreamgirls," Barrino will win an Oscar this coming awards season.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

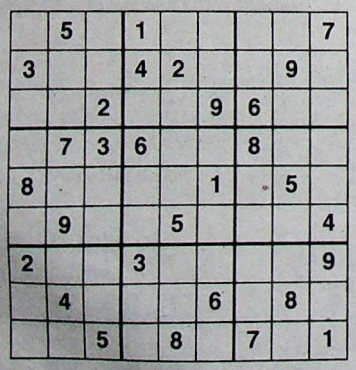
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Black eye | _____ N _____ | Tremble from cold | _____ V _____ |
| 2. _____ Barrier Reef | _____ A _____ | Welcome | _____ E _____ |
| 3. Code maker | _____ R _____ | Mighty or Minnie | _____ U _____ |
| 4. Sir or Dame, e.g. | _____ L _____ | Promise 10% | _____ H _____ |
| 5. Green Bay athlete | _____ A _____ | Reaction to a lemon | _____ U _____ |
| 6. Sewing basket item | _____ D _____ | Intimidation | _____ T _____ |
| 7. Burn with hot water | _____ A _____ | Reprimand | _____ O _____ |
| 8. Bart's baby sister | _____ G _____ | Black-and-white crow | _____ P _____ |
| 9. Modify | _____ E _____ | Where to go to marry | _____ A _____ |
| 10. Get along with | _____ I _____ | Hen house sound | _____ U _____ |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

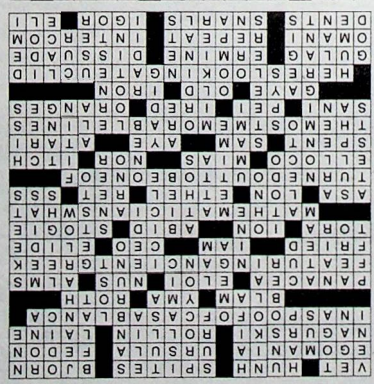
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers

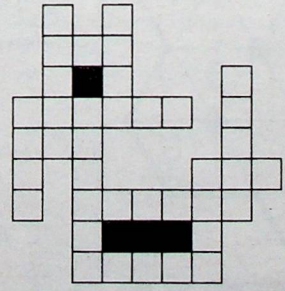


Even Exchange answers

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 5. Packer, Pucker | 10. Click, Click |
| 4. Title, Tithe | 9. Alter, Altar |
| 3. Morse, Mouse | 8. Magpie, Magpie |
| 2. Great, Greed | 7. Scold, Scold |
| 1. Shiner, Shiver | 6. Thread, Threat |



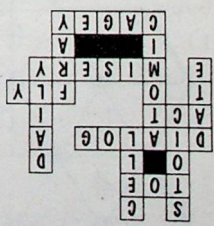
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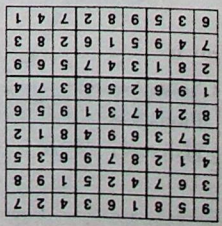
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.



answer



Weekly SUDOKU Answer



Amber Waves

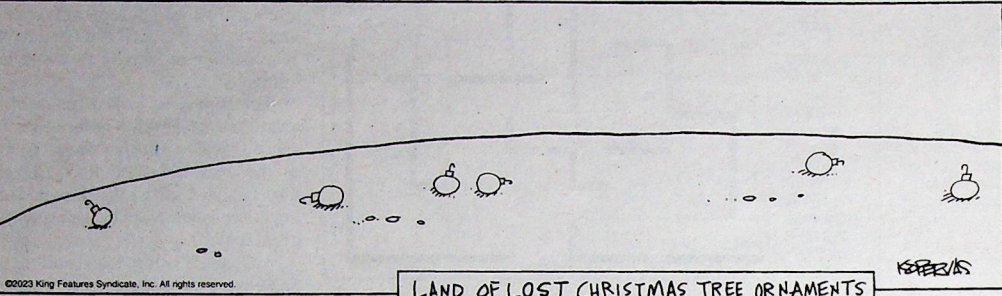
WHAT A SIGHT I AM. THREE LUMPS OF SNOW FOR A BODY, AND ROCKS FOR EYES.

NOT TO MENTION THESE STRAIGHT DEAD BRITTLE BRANCHES FOR ARMS...

OH GREAT, AND NOW MY NOSE ITCHES!

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Americanisms

"First you take a drink, then the drink takes a drink, then the drink takes you."

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Merge ITUNE

Blunt PUBRAT

Chunk PLUM

Cad SACRAL

TODAY'S WORD



How to Give Your Pet a Healthy, Happy New Year

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: This week, many Americans are celebrating their newest gift to the family: a cute puppy or kitten, duck or chicken, or pocket pets like hamsters and guinea pigs. It's also a time to form new resolutions in anticipation of the New Year. I hope that new pet owners' first resolution will be to establish a relationship with a veterinarian with expertise in their specific pet. Some pets need to start or continue a vaccination schedule so they grow up healthy -- puppies are at risk of contracting parvovirus, for example, so bolstering their immune system is very important.

Your vet can also provide advice and tips for caring for pets. Guinea pigs, hamsters and rabbits communicate happiness or distress in unique ways that a new owner may not be familiar with. Puppies are wiggly and energetic. Kittens are curious and fearless. Vets can help new owners navigate these waters and provide regular checkups to help keep pets healthy. —Dedicated Vet in Boston

DEAR DEDICATED: Thank you for sending this! Establishing a care routine with a veterinarian is so important. It should sit at the top of owners' to-do lists, along with providing comfortable warm bedding, a clean and safe environment, and especially for puppies, a daily training routine. Mark your calendar with key dates, including checkups with the vet, appointments with a trainer and regular resupply of food, litter, bedding and everything else your new pet needs. Here's to a happy, healthy and fun New Year with your pet! Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from HAPPY to LANDS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

HAPPY

LANDS

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1. What Pro Football Hall of Famer and TV personality was on board a Blue Origin New Shepard sub-orbital spaceflight mission in December 2021?
2. NASCAR driver Glenn Roberts got what nickname from his days as a pitcher for an American Legion baseball team?
3. Boxer Azumah Nelson, a former featherweight and super-featherweight champion, is a native of what African country?
4. What Basketball Hall of Famer and former University of Georgia Bulldogs women's basketball star won Olympic gold medals with Team USA in 1988 and '96?
5. Israeli athlete Moshe Weinberg, who was killed in the terrorist attack on the 1972 Munich Olympics, was a coach in what sport?
6. In a 1980 NFL season playoff game known as "Red Right 88," what team lost to the Oakland Raiders 14-12 after an ill-advised pass that led to an interception in the end zone?
7. What Japanese martial art, often translated as "the way of harmonious spirit," emphasizes the safety and well-being of one's attacker?

Answers

1. Michael Strahan.
2. Fireball.
3. Ghana.
4. Katrina McClain.
5. Wrestling.
6. The Cleveland Browns.
7. Aikido.

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Micro Crossword

Answer

E	S	N	E	S
E	P	O	L	E
R	A	T	E	R
F	L	C	L	E
A	K	A	O	S

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Lump; 4. Rascal

1. Unite 2. Abrupt

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 U.S. Open winner Naomi _____
- 6 Sheet music symbol
- 7 Film critic, often Vegas, maybe
- 8 Get hitched in Vegas, maybe
- 9 Touch, for one

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

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Down

- 1 Shrek and Fiona's kids
- 2 Deli counter item

- 3 "Good Eats" host _____ Brown
- 4 Doesn't chuck
- 5 "It's _____ country!"

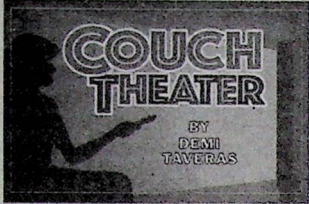
STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of January 8, 2024

- ON NOW: "Daughters of the Cult" (Docuseries) — Hulu
- 8-Jan: "Going to Mars: The Nikki Giovanni Project" — Max
- 9-Jan: "Echo" (Season 1) — Hulu
- 10-Jan: "Break Point" (Season 2) — Netflix
- 10-Jan: "Criminal Record" (Season 1) — Netflix
- 10-Jan: "The Trust: A Game of Greed" (Season 1) — Netflix
- 11-Jan: "Ted" (Season 1) — Peacock
- 11-Jan: "SkyMed" (Season 2) — Paramount+
- 12-Jan: "Self-Reliance" (R) — Hulu
- 12-Jan: "Lift" (PG-13) — Netflix

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MORE SUN FUN



"Barbie" (PG-13) — The highest-grossing film of 2023, clocking in at \$1.4 billion, is finally out on streaming! Margot Robbie stars as the titular character in director Greta Gerwig's fourth feature film, opposite a very sassy Ryan Gosling as none other than Ken. The film follows Barbie in Barbieland as she experiences an existential crisis after waking up one day and no longer being "stereotypically perfect." With the help of Ken, Barbie travels to the real world in an attempt to find the child who's playing with her — her "owner," if you will — so that she can return to her perfectly pink life. So far, its director, lead actress and supporting actor are all nominated for Golden Globes, and the film itself is nominated in the Best Motion Picture and Cinematic and Box Office Achievement categories. With the cultural movement that "Barbie" became this summer, the last nomination should be theirs for the taking! (Max)

"Saltburn" (R) — "The Banshees of Inisherin" star Barry Keoghan jumps into the role of Oliver Quick, a misunderstood, straight-edge student at Oxford University who struggles to fit in with his classmates. After a coincidental meeting with a popular student named Felix (Jacob Elordi), Oliver becomes fast friends with Felix and eventually gets invited to spend the summer at Felix's family estate, called Saltburn. The estate is buzzing with bizarre characters who filter in and out of the lavish property, including fellow Oxford student Farleigh

(Archie Madekwe) and family friend Pamela (Carey Mulligan). As the summer comes to an end, Oliver realizes that the life he enjoyed at Saltburn is the only life he wants to live. Out now, this psychological thriller is director Emerald Fennell's sophomore film, her debut being "Promising Young Woman," which also features Mulligan. (Prime Video)

"Beau Is Afraid" (R) — Directed by Ari Aster ("Midsommar"), this film features Oscar winner Joaquin Phoenix — and got Phoenix his seventh Golden Globe nomination. He plays Beau, the son of a wealthy businesswoman named Mona, who grew up to become a very anxious, accident-prone adult. Beau receives news that his mother died in an accident as he was on his way to visit her, and as if his astronomically bad luck couldn't possibly get worse, he gets into an accident himself after hearing the news. While the date of his mother's funeral looms closer, all of his plans to get there goes awry, and Beau surrenders to a series of trippy experiences that push him to let out the grief and guilt surrounding him. With an ensemble cast of Patti LuPone, Nathan Lane, Michael Gandolfini and more, this surrealist horror film is out now, after a disappointing box-office release. (Paramount+)

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Courtesy of Prime Video

Barry Keoghan, left, and Archie Madekwe star in "Saltburn."

Contract Bridge

BATTLE FOR TRUMP CONTROL

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♦ 7 6 5		♠ 4	
♥ 9 4		♥ 10 6 3 2	
♦ A Q 7		♦ 9 6 3 2	
♠ A K 10 8 2		♠ 7 5 4 3	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ K Q 3 2		♠ A J 10 9 8	
♥ A K Q J 8 5		♥ 7	
♦ 8 4		♦ K J 10 5	
♠ 6		♠ Q J 9	

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Trump control is often a decisive factor in the play of suit contracts. Whenever possible, the defenders try to run declarer out of trumps so that they can eventually cash one or more tricks in the side suits. At the same time, declarer tries to maintain control of the trump suit in order to withstand this attack.

Consider this deal where trump control plays a key role. West leads the king of hearts and continues with the ace. After declarer ruffs, he has four trumps left, and so does West.

If South were now to play the ace and

another trump, he would lose control of the hand and take a bad beating. West would take the K-Q of trump and play another heart. When South ruffed, leaving West with the only remaining trump, the rest of West's hearts would become tricks, and declarer would go down four!

To forestall this, South leads the nine of spades at trick three, not the ace. If West ducks, South gets home safely by cashing the ace and then leading his winners in the side suits.

So let's say West takes the nine with the queen. How does West then proceed? This is a crucial decision, for West's next play determines the outcome. Since dummy can ruff a heart continuation, West might decide to make a neutral return, such as a diamond or a club.

If he did this, declarer would win and play the ten of spades in order to maintain trump control. Whether West won the ten with the king or decided to let the ten hold, the contract could no longer be defeated.

But if West, upon taking the nine of spades with the queen, returns another heart, the contract cannot be made. The old bugaboo against giving declarer a ruff-and-discard does not apply here. In fact, it will cause South endless pain and suffering, regardless of which hand he chooses to ruff in. Indeed, the best South can do against this defense is to settle for down one.

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by Steve Becker

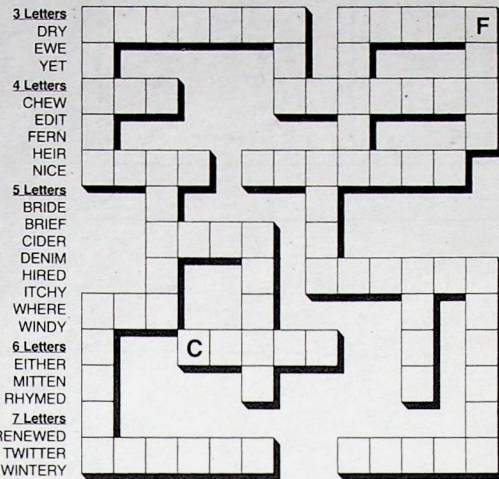
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS — DECEMBER TWENTY-FIFTH WORDS*

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

*All words are formed from the letters in DECEMBER TWENTY-FIFTH



3 Letters
DRY
EWE
YET

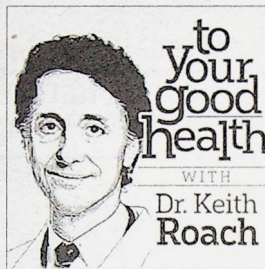
4 Letters
CHEW
EDIT
FERN
HEIR
NICE

5 Letters
BRIDE
BRIEF
CIDER
DENIM
HIRED
ITCHY
WHERE
WINDY

6 Letters
EITHER
MITTEN
RHYMED

7 Letters
RENEWED
TWITTER
WINTER

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Estrace Cream Is Safe To Use in Woman Who Had Melanoma

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 70-year-old woman who has been using Estrace vaginal cream weekly for several years. I am in excellent health, work out daily, run half-marathons and have my own business. I take 10 mg of atorvastatin daily. Ten years ago, I had melanoma removed from my arm.

My concern is the use of Estrace. My gynecologist recommended that I use it after a Pap smear, but my primary care physician is not of the same mind. I would appreciate your opinion on this. My mother had breast cancer in her 80s, my sister had uterine cancer, and my brother passed away from bladder cancer. — C.S.

ANSWER: As far as the safety of using estradiol (Estrace), the bioidentical hormone to major natural estrogen, I am definitely of the same opinion as your gynecologist. When used topically, it works on the vulva and the lining of the vagina, keeping the tissue healthy.

Without estrogen, the tissues that line the female perineum can become atrophic (thinned), predisposing a woman to discomfort, infections and incontinence. The Pap smear may have resulted in a finding that was suggestive of vaginal atrophy (increased neutrophils). Without treatment, the labia can even fuse together.

With long-term use, the estrogen levels in the body are only slightly higher in women who use topical estrogen compared to those who do not, so the absorption into the body is minimal. The only case where I get concerned is with someone who has a personal history of an estrogen-sensitive tumor, such as endometrial cancer and some

breast cancers. In those cases, I discuss options with both the patient and their oncologist.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Are you aware of any correlation between celiac disease and restless legs syndrome (RLS)? My 72-year-old husband has had RLS for decades. He currently takes gabapentin and pramipexole, but still has symptoms. Plus, he has periodic limb movement disorder (PLMD), which occurs while he's asleep. He isn't aware of it, but it can keep me awake; we sleep in separate beds when it gets bad. — C.S.

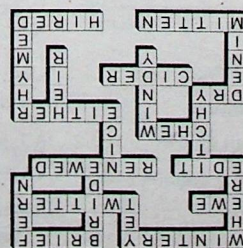
ANSWER: The terminology can be confusing. Most people with RLS have periodic limb movements of sleep (PLMS), which sound very similar to your husband's symptom. PLMD is a separate sleep issue that doesn't include other RLS features, such as an uncomfortable sensation in the legs while they're at rest that causes an urge to move them. A person with RLS often has PLMS, but doesn't have PLMD.

There is an increased risk of RLS among people with celiac disease. Most authorities tie these two together through iron deficiency. Unless celiac disease is managed with meticulous attention to diet, the body has difficulty absorbing iron.

Iron deficiency is very frequently found in people with RLS, and iron deficiency makes RLS worse. The diagnosis of iron deficiency needs to be made carefully because most people with RLS and iron deficiency do not have anemia. A ferritin level, rather than a blood count test, is the best initial test. If he does have iron deficiency, then treatment with iron supplementation can sometimes dramatically improve those nighttime symptoms.

Puzzles4Kids

Answer



SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Don't Give Up

This is not the world we grew up in or even the world we knew for much of our lives. If my informal poll of friends and acquaintances is correct, we don't like it much. The current state of the world has taken an emotional, physical and social toll on us. This isn't the retirement we planned.

I hear:

We're too trusting and it gets us into trouble when we fall for scams coming to us via phone, email and the internet and resulting in identity theft and loss of money.

The pandemic locked many of us away, and we haven't surfaced yet because Covid is still out there, as well as the annual flu and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) this winter. Staying home seems to be the safest way to avoid it all.

And there's the television news. Some of us have started only watching the first five minutes to catch the weather and then turn to a different channel to avoid the political scene and crime reporting, some of which unfortunately is happening in our own areas. Channels showing reruns of retro programs are getting a lot of our attention now.

No, we don't like it much, and some of us wonder if we're sliding into depression.

But there are ways to regain some of what we've lost, and a trip to our physician might be the best first step. Go and tell him or her what's going on with you. A simple blood test might point to a change in diet that could help how you feel.

At the same time, he might know of some community resources, even if it's having meals delivered.

Reconnect with friendships that matter (even if it's on the phone), ask if the library delivers books, become a pet foster parent, look for senior exercise videos on YouTube, etc.

Don't give up.

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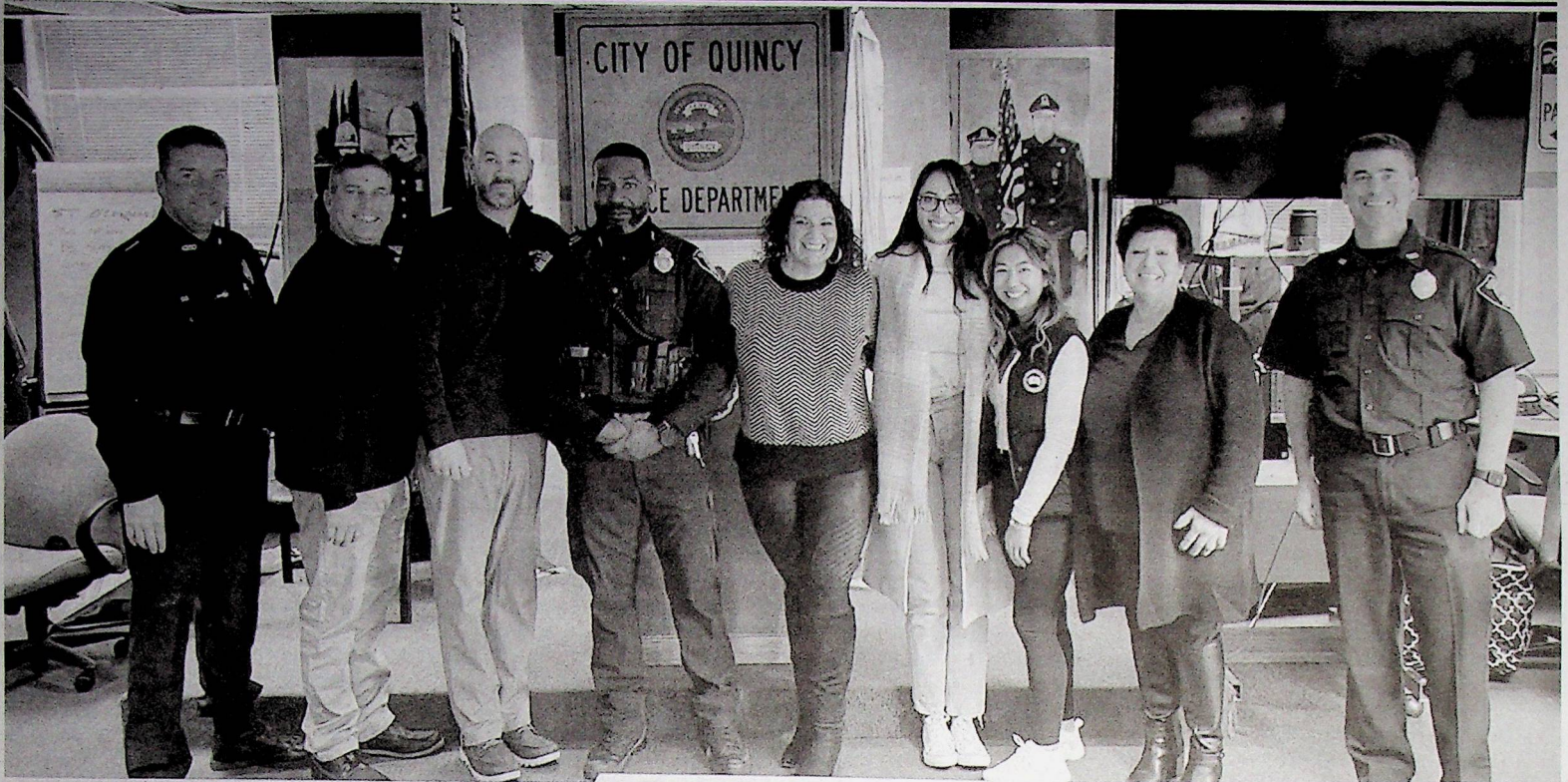


1. Name the girl group that had a No. 1 hit with "Will You Love Me Tomorrow?"
2. Who released "The Name Game"?
3. What was the first song Tom Jones released that topped the charts?
4. Who wrote "Give Peace a Chance"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "In the crowd of a million people I'll find my valentine. And then I'll climb to the highest steeple and tell the world he's mine."

Answers

1. The Shirelles, in 1960. The Satintones came back with an answer song called "Tomorrow and Always," borrowing the original melody, but they forgot to credit the songwriters.
2. Shirley Ellis in 1964. The song, also called "The Banana Song," used nonsense words and syllables to make changes to someone's name.
3. "It's Not Unusual," in 1965. It was the second song he'd ever released. Several other artists quickly released covers, including The Dells and Brenda Lee.
4. Former Beatle John Lennon, in 1969.
5. "Where the Boys Are," by Connie Francis in 1961. The song was used as the theme song in the 1961 film of the same name. Francis eventually recorded the song in six other languages.

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CHRISTMAS EVE was the third anniversary of Quincy Police officers saving the life of Jacqueline Massua. Jacqueline was struck by a vehicle in the parking lot of Stop & Shop on Christmas Eve in 2020. Officers recognized that seconds mattered, as Jacqueline was pinned beneath the vehicle. A group of Quincy Police officers with the help of a bystander lifted the vehicle off her and pulled her from underneath. Jacqueline has made it a tradition on the anniversary to provide lunch for Quincy Police officers and stop by the department to say hello. Officers who were on scene still talk about how strong and resilient Jacqueline was that day. Not only did this incident change her life, but also the lives of the officers who responded. The department is forever grateful of the outcome of this incident and grateful for a lifelong friendship the officers have made with Jacqueline and her family. Pictured from left to right are: Chief Kennedy, Detective Landry, Officer Stanley, Officer Hughes, Jacqueline, Officer Habib, Officer Le, Jacqueline's mom, and Captain Guarente who were on duty Dec. 24 to welcome Jacqueline and her mom.

Photo Courtesy Quincy Police Department

QUINCY POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

Entries submitted by the Quincy Police Department

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

LARCENY (male female), 1:09 a.m., Billings Road and Hancock Street. Officer being flagged down. Report to be filed.

ATTEMPTED MOTOR VEHICLE BREAK IN (past), 8:32 a.m., 60 block of Rodman Street. Report to be filed.

BREAK-IN/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 11:23 a.m., 150 block of Granite Street. Parked at the street, doors left unlocked and tools stolen. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (detained), 1:13 p.m., Good Fortune, 230 Quincy Ave. Suspect issued a trespass notice by Loss Prevention and sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT (just fled), 1:14 p.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 132 Granite St. Suspect issued a trespass notice by Loss Prevention and sent on the way.

DISORDER (customer/manager), 1:39 p.m., Post Office Wollaston, 5 Beach St. Advised, peace restored. Postal Police to handle.

DISORDER (with employee), 3:31 p.m., Vonnegut Pediatrics, 21 Totman St. Parties advised, peace restored.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (door kicked in), 10:33 p.m., 200 block of Washington Street. Arrest made. Two males arrested for several charges to include destruction of property, assault and battery on a peace officer and disorderly conduct. Report to be filed.

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (basement window), 1:10 p.m., 100 block of Fayette Street. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (package), 1:52 p.m., BJ's, 200 Crown Colony Dr. Report to be filed. Language barrier.

LARCENY (stolen laundry), 7:51 p.m., 80 block of Quincy Avenue. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (possible), 9:24 p.m., McDonald's, 275 Hancock St. Disturbance involving an Uber driver. All involved uncooperative. Peace restored, advised.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

LARCENY (snowboard), 9:30 a.m., 2001 Falls Blvd. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING (lock cut off), 1:16 p.m., Go Store It Self Storage, 480 Centre St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (stealing clothes), 4:44 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Three female suspects issued trespass notices and sent on the way. Store to handle.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST, 4:46 p.m., 200 Quarry Hills Dr. Apartment ransacked. Case number provided. Report to be filed.

LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE, 5:44 p.m., Quincy

Commons, 10 Arnold Rd. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (stolen package), 5:48 p.m., 40 block of West Street. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (female yelling at people), 6:03 p.m., Stop and Shop Supermarket, 495 Southern Artery. Female sent on the way, peace restored.

DISORDER (involving taxi), 6:27 p.m., 300 block of Quarry Street. Intoxicated person sent on the way. Report to be filed.

MONDAY, DEC. 25

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (just happened), 6:50 a.m., 40 block of Bowdoin Street. One suspect under arrest for breaking and entering a motor vehicle in the daytime and two outstanding warrants. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (window smashed), 10:44 a.m., Ninety Nine Restaurant Pub, 59 Newport Ave. Report to be filed.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

SHOPLIFT (in store), 9:27 a.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. Suspect ended up paying for the merchandise and was sent on the way.

LARCENY (wallet), 11:33 a.m., BJ's, 200 Crown Colony Dr. Wallet stolen from carriage. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male shoplift), 11:35 a.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Male suspect issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Store to handle.

DISORDER (active), 1 p.m., 30 block of Sumner Street. Report of a disturbance in the area. Nothing found. Officer remained in the area.

SHOPLIFT (female), 4:39 p.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Female issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Store to handle.

SHOPLIFT (in progress), 8:01 p.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 330 Hancock St. One person under arrest for larceny

over. Report to be filed.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

SHOPLIFT (holding one), 9:18 a.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Male suspect issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Store to handle.

LARCENY (package), 12:13 p.m., 50 block of Upton Street. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (stolen Amazon packages), 1:08 p.m., low numbers of Gilson Road. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (package), 1:36 p.m., low numbers of Faxon Road. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 2:52 p.m., 460 Quincy Ave. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (watching male), 3:20 p.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 330 Hancock St. Suspect issued a trespass notice and sent on the way.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST, 7:27 a.m., Seawinds Condominium, 90 Quincy Shore Dr. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (overnight), 7:38 a.m., 30 block of Penn Street. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male), 8:18 a.m., BJ's, 200 Crown Colony Dr. Suspect issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Store to handle.

DISORDER (art center), 10:22 a.m., Eastern Nazarene College, 23 East Elm Avenue. Peace restored. Staff will work to find another place for involved to stay.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 1:20 p.m., Sewall Street. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (damaged vehicle), 1:43 p.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 550 Adams St. Case number provided. Report to be filed.

'Women In Intelligence' Virtual Program Jan. 13

The Thomas Crane Public Library invites the public to a virtual program featuring author and historian, Dr. Helen Fry, who will discuss "Women In Intelligence" Saturday, Jan. 13 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Fry's latest book, "Women in Intelligence: The Hidden History of Two World Wars," is a ground-breaking history of women in British intelligence, revealing their pivotal role across the first half of the twentieth century. From the 1910s onwards, women took on an extraordinary range of roles in intelligence, defying the conventions of their time. Across both world wars, far from being a small part of covert operations, women were running escape lines, managing networks and interrogating prisoners.

To register for the virtual program visit the Crane Library

website.

Discover the versatile expertise of Dr. Helen Fry, a distinguished WWII historian, and author with a profound focus on the contributions of 10,000 Germans and Austrians who fought for Britain during WWII. Her specialization extends to the intriguing realm of the 'Secret Listeners' and the intricate world of 20th-century spies and espionage. Helen's influence goes beyond the pages of her books.

She is a sought-after consultant for leading TV and documentary productions, offering historical insight for WWII scenes filmed by major channels like the BBC, ITV, and Channel 4. Her latest book, 'Women in Intelligence,' illuminating the crucial roles of women in both WWI and WWII, was released in America in October 2023.

Point Webster Robotics Teams Participate In Regional Qualifier

NaviGOATS, Bubbles Teams Received 'Golden Ticket' To Mass. East Championship First LEGO League Tournament

The Point Webster Middle School's grade 6-8 Robotics Team recently participated in the First LEGO League Regional Qualifier at the Revere High School Field House.

The qualifier hosted 40 teams from Massachusetts, including nine teams from Quincy. Only the top 12 teams move onto the next level of competition which is the Massachusetts East Championship First LEGO League Tournament.

Point Webster brought two teams: the NaviGOATS and Bubbles teams to the competition. They competed throughout the day and their final scores were based on their best performance at the Robot Games, Robot Performance, Core Values (team work) and Innovation Project.

At the end of the day, the Bubbles team was awarded third place in Core Values. Ms. Chin, the grades 6-8 facilitator, was awarded the Coach/Mentor Award and both the NaviGOATS and Bubbles teams received the "Golden Ticket" to the Massachusetts East Champion-

ship First LEGO League Tournament. They are the only Quincy teams to have qualified for this competition.

The Point Webster teams recently participated in the Massachusetts East Championship First LEGO League Tournament in Newton for the first time since 2012. The school's two teams were amongst a 48-team field comprised of the top teams from the area where they showcased their expertise in Robot programming, along with their innovation project.

Team Bubbles members included: Aisha Anum, Mysha Ariff Basha, Caley Chen, Elli Cheney, Stephania Incobelinraj, Susheela Mekala, Saesha Nijhawan and Eepshitha Soisetti.

Team NaviGOATS members included: Vincent Qian Cen, Kanish Gopinath, Jaideep Madhalam, Mokki Nakka and Arhan Saqib.

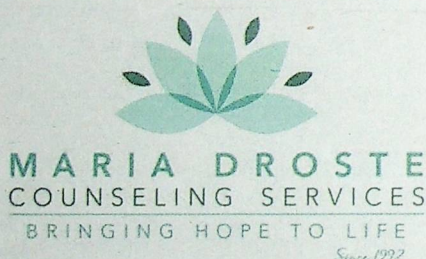
Special thank you to high school mentors/volunteers: Urooj Adil, John Huynh, Emily Kuang, Jingying Mei, Rachel Ou, Collin Tran and Alex Yu and Point Webster Coach Ms. Chin.



POINT WEBSTER Bubbles Team (from left to right): Aisha Anum, Ellie Cheney, Eepshitha Somisetti, Susheela Mekala, Saesha Nijhawan, Stephania Incobelinraj, Mysha Ariff Basha, Caley Chen, Ms. Chin (Advisor) and Jingying Mei (high school mentor). Missing: high school mentors Emily Kuang, Rachel Ou and Arooj Adil. Courtesy Photos



POINT WEBSTER NaviGOATS Team (from left to right): Jaideep Madhalam, Kanish Gopinath, Arhan Saqib, Mokki Nakka, Vincent Qian Cen, Ms. Chin (advisor) and John Huynh (high school mentor). Missing: high school mentors Collin Tran and Alex Yu.



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English Talk Time: New Student Registration

'English Talk Time' is the Thomas Crane Public Library's English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) program available for adults.

Students interested in enrolling in the 'English Talk Time' program's conversation and citizenship classes can register on Tuesday, Jan. 9, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 11, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Literacy Office located on the top floor of the Main Library, 40 Washington Street.

The 'English Talk Time' program offers conversation and citizenship classes for adults to learn and improve their English language,

while meeting new people and connecting within their communities. Citizenship classes help participants feel prepared and confident for their naturalization interview. Winter classes will be held in-person and online.

Students interested in registering who are unavailable during the above dates can call (617) 376-3295 or email quenglishtalk@ocln.org to request an online registration appointment.

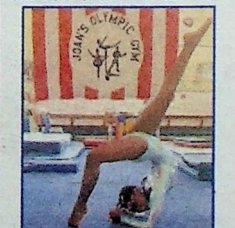
Happy Retirement



JANICE (SULLIVAN) CHAPMAN recently retired from Quincy Public Schools after a 30-plus year career as a physical education teacher. Chapman is loved by all her students and peers for her welcoming, caring personality and for creating a space for children to grow and thrive. She has dedicated her life to her students' wellbeing, in and outside of the classroom. Chapman has been a mainstay at the Clifford Marshall Elementary School since it opened in 1998. Here Janice receives a commendation signed by Mayor Thomas Koch from former student, Ward 2 City Councillor-Elect Richard Ash at her retirement party on Dec. 22 at Cagney's. Courtesy Photo

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